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JOHN R. SLOAN

New Deputy Minister
Ministry of Natural Resources

Mr. Sloan is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario. He joined the Ontario Public Services in 1962 with what was then known as the Department of Travel and Publicity.

In 1965, he joined the former Department of Tourism and Information where he was involved in the development of Huronia Historical sites in the Georgian Bay Region. He later became Director, Historical Parks, in the Ministry of Natural Resources.

In 1973, Mr. Sloan was made general manager of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission and subsequently became the Assistant Deputy Minister, Southern Ontario, for the Ministry of Natural Resources on September 1, 1981.

On June 28, 1982, Mr. Sloan was appointed as Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation.

Mr. Sloan returned to the Ministry of Natural Resources as Deputy Minister on January 1, 1984.

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January 3, 1984

FREE ADMISSION TO
PROVINCIAL PARKS
ON CIVIC HOLIDAY

Summer may be months away, but the Ministry of Natural Resources has a Bicentennial New Year's gift to warm your spirits.

There will be no day-use admission charge at Ontario's provincial parks on Monday August 6, 1984 -- the Civic Holiday -- Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope announced today. And many parks will have even more to offer that day -- Bicentennial events ranging from public picnics to historical demonstrations and pageants.

The Bicentennial holds special significance for two of Ontario's provincial parks. It marks the first full year of operation for Frontenac Provincial Park in eastern Ontario, and the 75th anniversary of the Quetico Forest Reserve, the forerunner of Quetico Provincial Park in northwestern Ontario.

Frontenac Provincial Park, a 70-square-kilometre park 30 km north of Kingston, officially opened in 1983. The rocky, lake-studded park has about 100 km of hiking trails, 40 km of canoe routes, and is renowned for its excellent lake trout, brook trout, northern pike and bass fishing.

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Quetico Provincial Park, which is 160 km west of Thunder Bay on the Ontario/Minnesota border, will host a number of special events -- including a border ceremony, a public picnic and a historical pageant -- during the summer months. These activities will celebrate the 75th anniversaries of both Quetico and the Superior National Forest, which is across the border in the State of Minnesota.

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SPORTS FISH
RETURN TO
SPANISH RIVER

Six months after many of its fish were killed by a serious chemical spill, the Spanish River -- one of Northern Ontario's better known fishing streams -- is returning to normal.

"Surveys of the river show encouraging signs of recovery, but to help things along, plans are being made to stock a million yellow pickerel (walleye) fry below the E.B. Eddy Company dam at Espanola. We'll follow this with another million in both 1985 and 1986," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said today.

He said sport and commercial fishing along the Spanish River, as well as the spring spawning runs, will be carefully monitored.

"The ministry's fisheries staff is confident the river's many species of sports fish will continue to reproduce naturally. But since pickerel is the dominant sport fish species in the river we're concentrating on them," Mr. Pope said.

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He said smallmouth bass will be stocked also over the next three years in selected areas of the river.

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January 19, 1984

ONTARIO RENEWABLE RESOURCE
RESEARCH FUND BOARD
OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCED

Arthur Herridge, executive director of the Ontario Lumber Manufacturers' Association, has been appointed chairman of the Ontario Renewable Resource Research Fund's board of directors, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope announced today.

Mr. Herridge is among 10 directors appointed by Mr. Pope to head the research fund board. The fund -- which will provide \$2.6-million in grants over the next five years for university research in forestry, fisheries and wildlife -- is supported jointly by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ontario Board of Industrial Leadership and Development (BILD).

The other board members are:

- Dr. Ed Crossman, curator in charge, Department of Ichthyology and Herpetology, Royal Ontario Museum;
- Robert Day, professor, School of Forestry, Lakehead University;
- Dr. David Fayle, research scientist, Ontario Tree Improvement and Forest Biomass Institute, Ministry of Natural Resources;
- Monte Hummel, executive director, World Wildlife Fund (Canada);
- Mike Innes, director, forest and resource planning, Abitibi-Price, Inc.;
- Andy Lawrie, supervisor, research section, fisheries branch, Ministry of Natural Resources;

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- Dr. Henry Regier, professor, Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Toronto;
- Dr. Robert Stewart, head, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Queen's University;
- David Watton, regional biologist, eastern region, Ministry of Natural Resources.

"We are fortunate to have a board of experts who have such a broad range of expertise in research and resource management," Mr. Pope said.

The program has three main goals.

"First and foremost, it will address our need for increased knowledge in the field of renewable resources. In that way, we will better deal with the changing demands placed upon our resource management staff," Mr. Pope said.

"Secondly, by making this program part of the ministry's ongoing commitment to support research in the resource area, it will increase the level of co-operation between the Ontario government and universities.

"And finally, we expect it will encourage wider support for, and interest in, forestry, fisheries and wildlife research," the minister added.

The board will be responsible for reviewing all research proposals and recommending funding for those approved.

The research fund program was announced in July 1983.

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February 9, 1984

NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER
ANNOUNCES MODERNIZATION PLANS
FOR ONTARIO'S COMMERCIAL FISHERY

Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope today announced plans to modernize Ontario's commercial fishery to protect fish stocks from overharvesting and ensure the future of this valuable resource.

"These proposed changes -- including species specific quotas and fees based on these quotas -- are a result of continuing discussions between staff from the Ministry of Natural Resources and representatives of the commercial fishing industry," Mr. Pope said.

There are two major principles behind the program. The first is the conservation and preservation of fish species, and the second is the continued economic viability of the industry and the people in it.

In the coming months, the ministry will assign all licensed fishermen individual species quotas and they will be required to record their fish sales. Quotas will be based primarily on past fishing performance and will be reviewed annually. Beginning in January 1985, each fisherman will be required to pay fees based on these quotas.

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The plan calls for self-policing by members of the commercial fishing community. The fees paid for quotas will be lowered to recognize these self-policing efforts.

The ministry will also run a pilot project to test a new incidental catch fish handling system. All incidentally caught fish will be sold and the money will be turned over to a fund jointly administered by the Ontario Council of Commercial Fisheries and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. The fund will be used to promote fish conservation programs.

"This year the ministry will invest in computer capability to better monitor fish stocks," Mr. Pope said. "We will also encourage the commercial fishing industry to participate in stock assessment.

"This plan requires the co-operation of the commercial fishing industry, which I see as an important partner in resource management," Mr. Pope said.

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February 13, 1984

PROSPECTING FEVER
SWEEPING ONTARIO
WITH RECORD-HIGH CLAIM STAKING

Prospecting fever is sweeping Ontario. Last year, Ontario had its biggest staking rush ever -- with about 70,000 claims staked, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope announced today.

That's more than double the 1982 total of 33,000 -- and 13,000 more than the previous record set during the uranium boom of 1955.

Gold is the main reason for this surge in exploration. Recent gold discoveries in Northern Ontario and an expectation of rising gold prices have helped create this modern-day gold rush.

"I am delighted with the record-high activity in mineral exploration that took place in Ontario last year. This could lead to important new discoveries and greater prosperity for Ontario in the years to come," Mr. Pope said.

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The largest number of claims staked in 1983 -- almost 16,000, up 54 per cent from 1982 -- was in the Thunder Bay area. The Sault Ste. Marie area was a close second -- with close to 15,000 claims staked, up almost 50 per cent from the year before.

However, the greatest jump in claim staking activity was in the Kenora area, with 11,000 claims staked in 1983 -- 600 per cent higher than the 1982 total of 1,600. A similar surge in activity occurred around Sioux Lookout -- with 4,000 claims, up 422 per cent over the 1982 total of 850. Gold can be found in both these areas, but the quantity is uncertain.

This current increase in claim staking activity actually began in 1980 -- when the price of gold reached record highs. In 1980 alone, the number of claims staked doubled to 33,000.

The work required to maintain the claims staked in recent years led to another record in 1983 -- 2.4-million days of assessment work. That's 42 per cent higher than the 1982 figure. The increase in assessment work is largely due to work on claims staked in recent years near Hemlo in north central Ontario, and Cameron Lake and Sturgeon Lake, both in northwestern Ontario.

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"I am particularly pleased that the value and volume of mineral production were also up significantly in 1983," Mr. Pope said. "The total value of all minerals produced in 1983 in Ontario was \$3.5-billion -- up 14 per cent over 1982.

"Gold represented about 10 per cent of this total. Ontario currently produces about 20 tonnes of gold annually. The gold production expected from the new Hemlo mines alone should double this total by the late 1980s," he said.

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February 14, 1984

ONTARIO NATURAL RESOURCES
MINISTER URGES FEDERAL
SUPPORT FOR REFORESTATION

Forest management is vital to Canada and, as such, it must be given a higher financial priority by the federal government, Ontario Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said today.

"Negotiations to replace the now-expiring \$71-million Forest Management Subsidiary Agreement have stalled because of a lack of a federal commitment to funding," he said.

"We've negotiated an agreement in principle for the various components of a new agreement, and we negotiated that in good faith. Now we find that the federal negotiators cannot promise the level of funding that was earlier indicated."

Mr. Pope pointed out that in August 1982, John Roberts, then federal environment minister, offered to negotiate a \$650-million, five-year forest renewal plan to cover all of Canada.

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"It appears to me that the federal government is not willing to give forest management the kind of priority I think it deserves," Mr. Pope said.

"Forest management in Ontario is just too important to our future. It's not good enough for the federal government to simply say 'We can't find the money.' The federal government must find the money.

"The Ontario government is willing to commit the funds needed to support a strong forest industry. Now we must wait to see if the federal government is willing to demonstrate a similar commitment."

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March 5, 1984

MINERAL SCORE 83
IS ANOTHER WINNER
FOR NATURAL RESOURCES

What's a mineral score? Results of a curling bonspiel between teams of Ontario miners? A good guess. But actually, it's a book of mineral statistics compiled by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources' Mineral Resources Group.

The word score has two meanings in this publication. It indicates a record of standing of the Ontario mineral industry within the world market. It also means Screen Co-ordinated Resource Evaluation (SCORE), the computer program used to produce the publication.

"This edition of 1983 Ontario Mineral Score shows we have broken a number of records," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said today. "More than 70,000 mining claims were recorded in 1983 and almost 2.5-million days of assessment work were applied to the 143,000 claims in good standing. These figures are -- by a wide margin -- the highest in more than 80 years."

The new Mineral Score also contains the results of a new survey of all work performed by Ontario exploration companies.

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In addition, it includes six new graphs and tables which reveal the growth of the mineral industry in both Ontario and Canada.

The Mineral Score contains a wealth of information about the minerals industry -- including costs of production in 1981 and 1982, estimates of 1983 production of Ontario and Canada, a graphical analysis of production and a calculation of Ontario's standing in the world market.

The Mineral Score also provides graphs and tables on the value and volume of mineral production going as far back as 1895 -- and compares these to today's market values.

Copies of this statistical report -- Video Census Series No. 3, 1983 Ontario Mineral Score 5268 (2/84) -- may be purchased for \$10 a copy.

Copies may be obtained from:

Public Service Centre
Ministry of Natural Resources
Whitney Block
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WAKAMI WAILERS
TO CELEBRATE FORESTRY
THIS SUMMER

Move over McKenzie Brothers, it's time for the
Wakami Wailers!

The Wakami Wailers -- a singing, story telling,
entertaining group of four Ministry of Natural Resources
employees from Northern Ontario -- will perform at the
Toronto Sportsmen's Show, beginning today.

This summer, they will tour northern communities to
put on a special bicentennial show.

Dressed as lumberjacks of an earlier era, the Wakami
Wailers will put on lively shows outlining the history of
forestry and white pine logging in Ontario.

For the past four years, they've been delighting
audiences at national and provincial parks, camps and
schools.

The popularity of their program, and its important
historical message, convinced the ministry to send them
across the province during this bicentennial year to
celebrate the history of logging in Ontario, and the
important role the white pine played in developing
Ontario and the Ontario forest industry.

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The Wakami Wailers -- named after Wakami Lake Provincial Park where the group originated -- are Mike Bernier, Mark Despault, Rob Hollett and Jeff Allen. On stage, they become Mike Kelly, Sean O'Flaherty, Bill "The Bull" Loney and the insufferable but lovable Mon Oncle Raoul.

Performances at the Sportsmen's Show will be between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. daily.

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March 19, 1984

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTINGS
WILL HELP TO CELEBRATE
ONTARIO'S BICENTENNIAL

To commemorate Ontario's Bicentennial, May 25, 1984 will be Arbor Day -- a day when thousands of white pine trees will be planted across the province, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope announced. The white pine will soon be named Ontario's official tree.

"My ministry and the Ministry of Education will co-ordinate a project to distribute white pine seedlings to participating schools across Ontario. And there will be a number of ceremonial plantings of white pine trees at Queen's Park and elsewhere in Ontario on this day," Mr. Pope said.

"About 25 white pine seedlings will be supplied to each school participating in the tree planting program. "This is an excellent opportunity for school children to become involved in bicentennial celebrations, and learn something about the magnificent white pine," Mr. Pope added.

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Education Minister Bette Stephenson agreed: "It's an ideal way to teach young people to appreciate Ontario's past as well as learn the value of its natural resources."

White pine was abundant when Ontario's first settlers arrived here 200 years ago. It formed the backbone of their economy, and remains an important part of our heritage.

Doug Kennedy, the Mississauga South MPP who initially proposed an Arbor Day for Ontario, said the day will be a time "to encourage the planting, preservation and conservation of trees and reflect on their importance to this province."

Margaret Birch, MPP, parliamentary assistant to the Premier in charge of bicentennial affairs, said municipalities can request a white pine free-of-charge for tree planting ceremonies.

"We are trying to involve as many people as possible in the spirit of Arbor Day during this bicentennial year," she said.

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March 20, 1984

RADIO TAGGED SALMON
TO BE TRACKED IN
LAKE ONTARIO

This spring, 30 salmon in Lake Ontario will be wired for sound.

The action starts in mid-April, when members of the Ontario Charter Boat Association and the St. Catharines Game and Fish Association will fish for coho and chinook in the western basin of the lake.

They'll choose 20 coho and 10 chinook salmon for a radio tracking program which, by monitoring "beeps" from transmitters on each of the fish, will determine their whereabouts throughout the summer.

"This work is part of my ministry's Community Fisheries Involvement Program," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said today. "My ministry will contribute \$26,000 and expertise to the project. The two associations will supply an additional \$10,000, boats and volunteer manpower to track and assist ministry staff in attaching radio transmitters to the fish."

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"Both associations regularly assist ministry fisheries staff with various projects under the Community Fisheries Involvement Program," Mr. Pope said.

The funds will be used to purchase radio equipment and rent tracking aircraft.

The 30 salmon selected for the project will be equipped with external radio transmitters about the size and shape of a tube of lipstick. The device is wired through a piece of foam rubber on each side of the dorsal fin. Because each transmitter has a different frequency, fish can be tracked individually. The transmitters also have a device that can record water temperatures at different depths in the lake.

Two vessels provided by the 70-member charter boat association will each be equipped with a tracking receiver and a three-metre antenna. The boats will be in constant touch with an airplane. The plane will monitor the lake between Niagara Falls and Toronto. When it determines the location of salmon, it will inform the boats, which will then monitor the fish.

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Ed Adams, president of the Ontario Charter Boat Association, says the purpose of the project is to see if the salmon's movements establish a pattern, and if the Niagara currents may have an effect on their movements in the lake.

He said the crews are prepared to stay out 24 hours a day if necessary, "if we're on top of a signal. If the fish go deeper than 12 metres, we lose the signal."

"We hope to publish the results of our work," Mr. Adams said. "From it we should have a better understanding of salmon and where they spend the summer months."

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March 29, 1984

MINISTER PROPOSES MAJOR
CHANGES TO FLOODPLAIN
MANAGEMENT IN ONTARIO

Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope today tabled an independent committee's report that recommends wide-ranging changes to floodplain management in Ontario.

Mr. Pope told the legislature that the six-member committee -- headed by James Taylor, MPP for Prince Edward-Lennox -- "has made an important contribution to the process of developing an integrated floodplain management policy for Ontario."

He said his ministry would be moving toward the implementation of one of the report's major recommendations -- a minimum standard for flood protection based on a flood level that has a probability of occurrence of once every 100 years.

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However, the Minister stressed that most municipalities within a watershed must agree before the minimum standard is changed, and that the government would not support lowering flood protection in any area of the province where the past history of flooding indicates that higher criteria would be more appropriate.

The Taylor committee, appointed by the Minister last fall, held 15 public meetings and received some 300 written submissions. The report, which contains 13 recommendations, will be sent to all interested groups in the province with a request for written comment within 90 days. It is also available for public review at district and regional offices of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Mr. Pope said that once he has examined all the comments, he will draft a new provincial floodplain management policy, to be issued under The Planning Act.

"I do not intend to let the issue drag on too long. Floodplain management policy has a very high priority within the Ministry of Natural Resources," he said.

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April 2, 1984

THREE FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS
SIGNED BETWEEN ONTARIO GOVERNMENT
AND BOISE CASCADE CANADA LTD.

Boise-Cascade Canada Ltd. has become the second major forest company in Ontario to sign forest management agreements to cover all of its timber operations, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope announced today.

The Minister signed three agreements today with Joe Kneeland, President, Boise Cascade Canada Ltd. This brings the total number of agreements signed by the company to five; the total number signed by the province to 21. The first company to cover all its previously-licensed land under forest management agreements was Spruce Falls Power and Paper Company Ltd. in 1981.

The three agreements signed today with Boise-Cascade apply to the 3,997-square-kilometre Pakwash Forest near Ear Falls, the 3,274-square-kilometre Lake of the Woods Forest near Red Lake, and the 3,237-square-kilometre East Patricia Forest near Kenora.

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"I am especially pleased with these agreements because they mean that Boise Cascade -- the largest employer in my ministry's northwestern region -- will take over, and significantly increase, the regeneration programs the ministry was previously carrying out on the licensed land," Mr. Pope said.

The Ontario government has contributed more than \$60-million to the forest management program since it began in 1980.

"Each agreement requires the agreement holder to treat harvested areas according to silvicultural specifications in the agreement and to treat previously unregenerated areas at a specific rate," Mr. Pope said.

Under all agreements -- which replace existing timber licences -- forestry companies agree to accept responsibility for other forest management practices such as tending, harvesting and road construction.

The agreements, subsidized by the ministry and the Board of Industrial Leadership and Development (BILD), also give full consideration to other important resources by excluding certain areas from cutting. These areas and those designated as Modified Management Areas, require special care in order to protect such resource values as fish and wildlife habitat, scenic areas and other recreational sites.

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April 4, 1984

MNR INTRODUCES
SMALL RAISE IN
HUNTING LICENCE FEES

Small increases in certain hunting licence fees for both residents and non-residents of Ontario were announced today by Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope. The increases will affect deer, moose and small game hunters, and will apply to dogs used for hunting raccoons, deer and moose.

In making the announcement, Mr. Pope noted there has not been an increase in these categories of hunting licences for almost four years.

"We feel the new fees are fair to hunters and they do, of course, comply with the government's five per cent guidelines," he said.

Five of the licence increases are effective immediately and the rest will be effective September 1, 1984.

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EDITORS: Please note a licence fee schedule is attached.

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Hunting Licence Fee Increases - April 1984

<u>Effective Immediately</u>	<u>Current Fee (\$)</u>	<u>New Fee (\$)</u>
Resident deer	15.00	15.75
Farmer's deer	10.00	10.50
Resident moose	20.00	21.00
Dog (deer, moose)	5.00	5.25
Application for search	5.00	5.25

Effective September 1, 1984

Small Game	5.00	5.25
Non-Resident Small Game	35.00	36.75
Resident Raccoon (tag)	5.00	5.25
Non-Resident Game Preserve (tag)	5.00	5.25
Dog (Raccoon)	5.00	5.25



April 4, 1984

NEW FEATURES
FOR 1984
MOOSE DRAW

Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope today announced changes to the 1984 Ontario selective moose harvest -- in direct response to suggestions by moose hunters throughout the province.

Beginning this year, all applicants for a cow or bull tag must first buy a moose hunting licence before entering the tag draw. If their name is not drawn for a validation tag, they may hunt only calves.

As well, hunters who applied last year and did not receive a tag in last year's computer draw will be given preferential treatment in the 1984 draw.

All applicants for 1984 moose validation tags will be divided into two pools: one for those who applied last year and did not receive tags and one for those who received a tag last year or are applying for the first time in 1984.

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In addition, all hunters who apply for a validation tag this year may specify two choices of Wildlife Management Unit. Mr. Pope advised hunters to consult the Wildlife Management Unit Tag Quotas in their 1984 Moose Hunter's Handbook, and to choose units that had a ratio of available tags to applications of 1:2 or less in 1983. Those units had less hunting pressure, and applying to hunt in them this year makes it more likely that a hunter will receive a tag.

"The choice of Wildlife Management Unit has a direct bearing on whether a hunter will receive a validation tag," Mr. Pope said. "In some Management Units last year, every hunter who applied for a tag received one. In others, however, the demand for tags was much greater, and this made the chances of not being drawn as high as nine to one," he said.

Depending on the number of applications in each unit -- and provided that the unit's validation tag quota can accomodate all the applications -- those whose names are entered in the preferred pool can receive a tag. If there are validation tags left over, names will then be drawn from the second pool. The application deadline for the 1984 draw is Tuesday, May 15th.

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"This improves the chances of receiving a validation tag for hunters who applied and did not receive one last year. This is being done to distribute tags more fairly over the initial, two-year period," the Minister said.

The total number of adult moose validation tags available for the 1984 hunt will be close to 50,000. As well, two Wildlife Management Units have been added this year to the four existing units which provide special archery seasons.

The ministry has held three open forums -- in Timmins, Sudbury and Iroquois Falls -- to discuss the moose harvest system, and another meeting has been scheduled for Thunder Bay.

As well, the Provincial Moose Allocation Advisory Committee will also hold public hearings in Thunder Bay on April 25 and Sudbury on April 26 to examine aspects of the selective harvest that affect tourist outfitters.

Mr. Pope said he wants to examine all the comments raised in the forums before proposing any major changes to future selective moose harvests. "But we felt we had to address a couple of the major concerns now, so hunters can plan for this season," he said.

The Minister cautioned that no change will be made on the current prohibition of party killing of moose until there is a clear consensus on the issue.

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He added that the ministry will continue to exercise leniency toward hunters who report shooting the wrong animal. "All incidents will be investigated, and if the facts bear out that the shooting was accidental, charges will not be laid," he said.

A Moose Hunters' Handbook for 1984, which explains the details of the selective harvest program, were mailed beginning Tuesday, April 3rd to all hunters who purchased a moose licence in 1983. The handbooks are now available at the ministry's District offices and from licence issuers.

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EDITORS: Please note that charts indicating WMU Tag Quotas for 1984 are attached.

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WMU	Bull and cow tags available			Ratio of tags to first choice applicants 1983 draw ↑		% of tags allocated to tourist industry
	Bulls	Cows	Total	Bull	Cow	
1C	1175	425	1600	1:1.0	1:1.0	10.2
2	150	50	200	1:1.4	1:2.0	32.7
3	255	95	350	1:2.9	1:3.8	10.3
4	275	100	375	1:2.1	1:2.6	10.5
5	360	140	500	1:3.6	1:4.6	8.1
6	75	25	100	1:3.2	1:3.7	8.3
7A	65	20	85	1:1.0	1:1.0	26.1
7B	150	50	200	1:2.7	1:3.6	2.0
8	255	95	350	1:1.9	1:2.9	4.9
9A	75	25	100	1:4.7	1:6.5	7.4
9B	55	20	75	1:5.9	1:8.2	5.1
15A	585	215	800	1:2.0	1:2.2	11.6
16A	165	65	250	1:1.0	1:1.0	18.0
16B	110	40	150	1:3.0	1:3.0	16.7
REGION TOTAL	3770	1365	5135			11.5

11A	115	40	155	1:1.4	1:2.0	6.1
11B	250	100	350	1:1.0	1:1.1	8.1
12A	475	175	650	1:1.0	1:1.0	10.1
12B	770	280	1050	1:1.3	1:2.0	5.2
13	1880	700	2580	1:1.3	1:1.5	1.2
14	200	75	275	1:1.4	1:1.8	16.9
15B	2450	950	3400	1:1.0	1:1.0	2.8
16C	250	100	350	1:1.6	1:1.2	42.5
17	465	185	650	1:1.0	1:1.0	24.9
18A	500	200	700	1:1.0	1:1.0	9.8
18B	60	20	100	1:1.1	1:3.0	20.0
19	815	285	1100	1:1.6	1:1.8	3.2
21A	2805	945	3650	1:1.0	1:1.1	3.6
21B	2295	775	3070	1:1.0	1:1.0	3.6
REGION TOTAL	13150	4830	17980			6.4

1A	110	40	150			0.0
1D	365	135	500	1:1.0		4.6
22	275	100	375	1:3.5	1:4.2	15.7
23	440	160	600	1:3.6	1:4.7	8.0
24	420	155	575	1:3.2	1:3.4	4.2
25	365	135	500	1:1.0	1:1.0	17.4
26	240	85	325	1:7.5	1:7.2	31.7
27	405	145	550	1:3.6	1:4.1	2.8
28	1025	375	1400	1:4.2	1:4.5	3.7
29	585	215	800	1:4.8	1:5.4	6.9
30	730	270	1000	1:2.9	1:3.5	4.5
31	365	135	500	1:7.4	1:9.0	20.1
REGION TOTAL	5325	1850	7275			9.1

*No applications were received in 1983.

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WMU	Bull and cow tags available			Ratio of tags to first choice applicants 1983 draw †		% of tags allocated to tourist industry
	Bulls	Cows	Total	Bull	Cow	
32	510	190	700	1:2.4	1:2.7	7.8
33	255	95	350	1:1.6	1:1.6	4.4
34	90	35	125	1:3.9	1:5.0	3.9
35	725	275	1000	1:3.4	1:3.8	6.0
36	290	110	400	1:7.6	1:7.7	1.0
37	585	215	800	1:2.6	1:2.8	5.9
38	2325	875	3200	1:1.2	1:1.3	4.3
39	585	215	800	1:3.7	1:4.2	4.2
40	1090	410	1500	1:4.6	1:4.5	7.1
41	840	310	1150	1:7.5	1:8.4	2.8
42	440	160	600	1:5.8	1:6.5	1.6
REGION TOTAL	7735	2890	10625			5.0

47	95	30	125			4.6
48	800	300	1100			4.8
49	45	15	60			4.8
50	585	215	800			4.8
53	25	10	35			4.5
54	290	110	400			4.8
55	440	160	600			4.8
56	150	50	200			3.9
57	185	65	250			3.9
60	75	25	100			4.8
61	75	25	100			0.0
62	10	0	10			0.0
63	25	10	35			0.0
REGION TOTAL	2600	1015	3615			4.5

* No open season in 1983.

WMU Archery Validation tag quotas — 1984

	Bull and cow tags available		% of tags allocated to the tourist industry	
	Bull	Cow	Total	
13	200	60	260	0.0
21A	80	20	100	0.0
21B	80	20	100	0.0
23	115	45	160	0.0
25	250	50	300	0.0
38	160	0	160	10.0
ARCHERY TOTAL	905	195	1100	1.8
PROVINCIAL TOTAL	33685	12245	45930	6.8

† The odds of being chosen in a WMU are the best if the ratio of tags to first choice applicants is 1:1.0. The worst odds are in a WMU where the ratio is 1:9.0.

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ONTARIO CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES
HIRE EXPERIENCE '84 STUDENTS
FOR RESOURCE PROJECTS

Mother Nature can expect her annual facelift this summer from 683 eager students hired by Ontario's 39 conservation authorities.

Under Experience '84, an Ontario youth employment program, the young people will help plan nature trails, build erosion prevention dikes on stream banks, monitor fish and wildlife movements, plant trees and restore historical treasures, among other projects.

"This opportunity to hone skills and set sights on careers," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said, "fulfills their short-term work experience needs for the students."

A total of \$1.4-million from the Ontario Youth Secretariat has been transferred to the Ministry of Natural Resources to fund this employment program.

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WETLANDS FEATURED
DURING NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK
APRIL 8 TO APRIL 14

April 8 marks the beginning of National Wildlife Week -- a week designated each year by the Canadian Wildlife Federation to promote greater public awareness of wildlife in Canada. This year, the theme of the week is Wetlands and Wildlife.

All teachers of Grades 4, 5 and 6 across Ontario recently received information kits on National Wildlife Week from the wildlife branch of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. The kits, purchased from the Canadian Wildlife Federation, include lesson plans and wildlife crossword puzzles.

"I am delighted that, to commemorate National Wildlife Week, Canadian wildlife artist Robert Bateman has agreed to be Ontario's Wildlife Conservation Ambassador," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said.

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Bateman says he hopes the interest generated during National Wildlife Week will be the beginning of year-round wildlife studies for both young and old alike. He encourages parents and teachers to organize activities for children -- such as waterfront hikes to see migrating waterfowl returning from their wintering grounds in the south, or participating in nature interpretation programs.

Every year during National Wildlife Week, Ministry of Natural Resources staff members visit schools across Ontario to talk about wildlife. Teachers interested in having a conservation officer, biologist or parks staff member visit their schools should contact their nearest ministry office.

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April 12, 1984

MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ANNOUNCES PROVINCIAL
WETLANDS POLICY

National Wildlife Week (April 8 - 14) with its theme of "Wetlands and Wildlife" took on an added significance to Ontario today when Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope announced phase one of a new provincial policy to manage and protect Ontario's wetlands.

Mr. Pope told the legislature: "The guidelines I am introducing today are part of the process leading to a policy statement under the provincial Planning Act, and will be finalized after appropriate testing, refinement and consultation with municipal officials."

He added that about 80 per cent of the original wetlands in southern Ontario have been drained for a variety of uses. "The province is concerned that the remaining wetland areas be carefully managed to meet both present and long-term needs of the people of Ontario."

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Wetlands are areas covered either permanently or seasonally with standing water. These include swamps, marshes, bogs and fens.

Under the guidelines, individual wetlands will be identified and classified according to a standardized evaluation system, and ranked into seven classes.

"When properly classified according to their significance, wetlands can be better managed for their maximum benefit," said Mr. Pope. "The guidelines will assist municipal governments, conservation authorities and other land-use planning agencies to consider all values of wetlands when dealing with proposed alternate uses of land."

The Minister also advised that he has committed \$250,000 a year toward the target of completing the inventory and classification of southern Ontario's wetlands over the next three to four years.

In their natural state, wetlands maintain and improve water quality, help control flooding and provide a habitat for fish and wildlife. They contribute substantial social and economic benefits including outdoor recreation and tourism benefits from hunting, fishing and bird-watching amounting to more than 53-million user-days a year. Wetlands are also a source of many important resource products such as fur, wood and wild rice, valued in excess of \$300-million annually.

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"The government recognizes that wetlands constitute an important element of land use planning and must be considered along with other uses such as housing, forestry, agriculture, mining, watershed management, tourism, recreation, environmental protection and the concerns of native people," said Mr. Pope.

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PROMOTING TEAMWORK
IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
THROUGH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

What do hunters, trappers, naturalists, provincial resources ministries and the federal government have in common? They are all interested in wildlife management.

Representatives of these groups will gather in Timmins, Ontario, in June to explore the possibility of teamwork in wildlife management, the theme of this year's conference. The 48th Federal-Provincial Wildlife Conference will be held from June 19 to June 22, 1984.

"I hope the conference will result in a guideline document to aid government and non-government agencies in effective wildlife management," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope, whose ministry is sponsoring this year's conference.

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Guest speakers include the Honourable Nellie Cournoyea, Minister of Renewable Resources and Information for the Northwest Territories, who will be talking about co-operation in wildlife management between government and native people. In addition, Alcide Giroux, president of the Ontario Trappers Association, will describe the role that trappers have played in Ontario's world-renowned furbearer management program.

As well as attending lectures, conference participants will take part in workshops to promote the conference theme. "During the first set of workshops, delegates will discuss the need for teamwork, and analyse successes and failures," Mr. Pope said.

"In the second set of workshops, participants will discuss a formula for successful teamwork in wildlife management for the future and recommendations will be proposed on the basis of these discussions."

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April 17, 1984

LATEST DATA ON MINERAL MARKETS
NOW AVAILABLE FROM
MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

An Update of the Ontario Ministry of Natural
Resources' Model of The World Markets for Copper,
Aluminum, Nickel and Zinc (Mineral Policy Background
Paper No. 17) is now available from the ministry for \$15
a copy.

The report is the latest in the series of mineral
policy background papers prepared by the ministry
periodically to provide data for both government and the
mineral industry.

"The reports are a valuable service of my ministry's
Mineral Resources Branch," Natural Resources Minister
Alan Pope said today. "This one contains additional data
collected since 1975 so the latest behavior of the
copper, aluminum, nickel and zinc markets is reflected."

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The report is in two sections. Part I contains a review of the methods used, followed by updated data for each commodity and the resultant simulation model. Part II details the computer simulation model revisions.

Mineral Policy Background Paper No. 17 can be purchased from:

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April 19, 1984

**FOREST FIRE DANGER
HIGHER THAN NORMAL,
ONTARIO PUBLIC WARNED**

The arrival of spring means the beginning of another forest fire season and compared with average years, the 1984 fire season is off to an early start.

The combination of an early snow melt and above-normal temperatures in some regions have led to Easter weekend conditions that might be conducive to forest fires.

"With the long weekend coming up, we want to remind campers and anyone else enjoying the out-of-doors to follow the basic safety rules of fire prevention, and to be particularly cautious with the use of fire," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said.

The prime area of concern is the Dryden, Fort Frances, Kenora and Atikokan area in northwestern Ontario.

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"Due to above-normal temperatures and a month of no precipitation in this area, the snow is now gone from the woods, and there is very little of the usual spring run-off," said Bob Elliott, a forest fire specialist with the Ministry of Natural Resources in Sault Ste. Marie.

To date, the ministry has reported 13 fires in the northwest region affecting 92.5 acres. "This is slightly above normal for this time of year," Mr. Elliott said. "We are concerned because the dry spell is forecast to continue in this area for possibly another two to three weeks."

The fires so far have been man-caused, generally in open fields and brush areas.

Another region reporting a higher than usual incidence of forest fires is the area south of Huntsville, from Tweed to the Bruce Peninsula. As of Monday, April 16, 45 fires had burned a total of 132.3 acres. Cottagers in this area are also advised to use extreme caution.

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A total of 66 fires have been reported in the province to date. The provincial normal for this time of year is 43 fires.

"While it is impossible to predict what lies ahead, the early spring increases the potential for a busy season," Mr. Elliott said.

By May 1, the Ministry of Natural Resources will be prepared for the 1984 forest fire season with 140 five-member fire crews and supervisory personnel throughout the province. If necessary, this can be augmented with several hundred available trained volunteers, as well as personnel from the forest industry and other ministry staff.

"We don't want to discourage anyone from participating in outdoor activities," said Mr. Pope. "Awareness of fire prevention rules and good safety habits will go a long way in preventing forest fires."

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MORE WETLANDS FOR
DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS AT
HULLETT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Thousands of ducks, geese and swans passing over southwestern Ontario on their migration route this spring will now have an additional stop-over area -- the Hullett Wildlife Management Area near Clinton.

Over the last three years, Ducks Unlimited (Canada) has provided \$1.25-million to construct 20 kilometres of dikes, flooding 800 hectares in the 2,200-hectare wildlife management area. The project, which will provide additional waterfowl habitat, was officially opened today.

"In addition to the Hullett project, we propose to co-operatively develop, with Ducks Unlimited (Canada), 16,000 hectares of waterfowl habitat throughout Ontario by 1987," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said.

"This fulfils some of the objectives of a five-year waterfowl management agreement signed on April 28, 1983, between Ducks Unlimited (Canada) and my ministry."

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Mr. Pope said that Hullett -- one of the largest wildlife management areas in Ontario -- and similar wetland projects would not be possible without the co-operation of groups such as Ducks Unlimited that are committed to the conservation of wetlands for waterfowl.

"This project reinforces my ministry's commitment to managing wetlands," Mr. Pope said. "Wetlands are vital because they not only provide a habitat for fish and wildlife, but maintain and improve water quality and help control flooding. This is why I introduced guidelines for wetland management in southern Ontario -- part of the process leading to a policy statement under the provincial Planning Act."

When he introduced the wetlands guidelines, Mr. Pope told the Ontario legislature he was committing a total of \$250,000 annually for the next three to four years to complete the inventory and classification of southern Ontario's wetlands.

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April 27, 1984

REVIEW COMMITTEES
START HEARINGS
ON FISHING QUOTAS

The first of a number of review committees has begun hearing appeals by commercial fishermen on the quotas issued earlier this year by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

"The first committee -- under conciliator Bob Metcalfe -- started hearings today (April 27) regarding quotas in the western end of Lake Erie," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said.

"Hearings involving appeals from the eastern end of Lake Erie are expected to begin Monday (April 30) under conciliator Don Schott. Review committees will be set up to hear appeals of commercial fishermen on Lake Huron and Lake Ontario in the near future. Other review committees will be established as needed."

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The committees -- each under a conciliator selected by the local ministry office in consultation with the Ontario Council of Commercial Fisheries -- will deal with those commercial fishermen who feel the formula used to divide the total harvest in a quota area places them at a disadvantage to other fishermen.

The conciliators will make recommendations directly to the Minister.

"I will review those recommendations based on the two principles that led to the changes in Ontario's commercial fishery this year -- conservation of the fishery resource and minimum economic disruption to the industry. We will strive to be fair at all times," Mr. Pope said.

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May 3, 1984

THE WHITE PINE
IS NOW ONTARIO'S
OFFICIAL TREE

The white pine, one of Ontario's more valuable sources of softwood, has been named the province's official tree.

Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said this tree joins the trillium -- the official flower -- and the amethyst -- the official mineral -- as a distinctive Ontario symbol.

The white pine was valuable to early settlers for fuel, shelter, furniture, tools and toys. It also provided sturdy ship masts for the British Royal Navy.

Found in all, but the northernmost parts of Ontario, the white pine is widely used to make doors, cabinets, furniture and mouldings. The tree, which has bluish-green needles, can grow up to 30 metres high and live up to 200 years.

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Because the white pine is closely linked with Ontario's Bicentennial, it will be featured on May 25 -- declared as Arbor Day by the Ontario government. Thousands of trees will be distributed for ceremonial plantings in cities and towns, and -- on applying to the ministry -- schools across the province will each receive a bundle of white pine seedlings.

The ministry will also issue a full-color poster and a book entitled "The White Pine -- Ontario celebrates its history" to commemorate the white pine's designation.

"With its important contribution to our province's long and distinguished history, it is appropriate this tree attained official status in our bicentennial year," Mr. Pope said.

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EDITORS: Please note a fact sheet is attached.

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ONTARIO'S OFFICIAL TREE -- WHITE PINE

- White pine reach merchantable size in 60 to 75 years, However, they can live up to 200 years. They grow more than 30 metres high.
- The suggestion that Ontario should have an official tree was made in 1980 by the late James Auld, then Minister of Natural Resources, to directors of the Ontario Forestry Association.
- The Ontario Tree Council, composed of representatives of 32 groups from the forest industry and forestry schools, chose white pine from a list of 22 species native to Ontario.
- The white pine produces the most valuable softwood in North America. In 1982, a total of 529,159 cu. m was harvested. That year, 6,451,959 white pine seedlings were planted.
- During its first 50 years, Ontario counted on the export of white pine, timber as a major source of income.
- The white pine is a distinctive and beautiful tree, easily recognized in Ontario's landscape.



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May 7, 1984

BUILDING WILL PROTECT
INDIAN ROCK CARVINGS
AT PETROGLYPHS PARK

The Great Manitou and other Algonkian Indian spirits which may have prompted the rock carvings at Petroglyphs Provincial Park many centuries ago will soon be resting easier. The artwork -- which has already lasted for centuries -- will be enclosed in a shelter constructed by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

"A specially designed seven-sided glass building with a solid roof will now preserve the historic petroglyphs for posterity," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said today.

The site -- 56 kilometres northeast of Peterborough -- is an integral part of Indian mythology. To the Algonkians, certain types of landscapes were believed to be the abodes of spirits. Here the rumblings of an underground stream may have convinced the carvers that this was indeed the voice of a spirit and led them to etch these remarkable images on the marble outcropping.

This incomparable piece of art history -- 500 to 1,000 years old -- could be lost forever if not soon protected from the elements and vandalism.

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The decision to enclose the glyphs was prompted by the Canadian Conservation Institute, a branch of the National Museums of Canada in Ottawa.

After extensive research, the Institute's scientists concluded that only a building would ensure the long-term preservation of the carvings.

John Turner, MPP for Peterborough, said he was grateful for the foresight shown by the CCI, a leading world authority in the conservation of rock art.

"There has been considerable consultation among the Ministry of Natural Resources, Parks Canada, the Curve Lake Indian Band and other organizations, interest groups and individuals -- such as Professors Romas and Joan Vastokas of Trent University," Mr. Turner said.

Mr. Pope said the building is due for completion by the Civic Holiday weekend of August 6.

"Although access to the petroglyphs will be restricted during construction, all other facilities in the park, including the hiking trails and day use areas, will be available to visitors free of charge.

"While in the area, visitors to Petroglyphs may also wish to see the ancient Indian burial mounds at Serpent Mounds Provincial Park near the Village of Keene," Mr. Pope added.

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May 7, 1984

ANNUAL ALCOHOL BAN
IN 19 PROVINCIAL PARKS
BEGINS ON MAY 11

Alcohol consumption by campers will be prohibited in 19 of Ontario's provincial parks for periods ranging from two to four weeks -- including the Victoria Day weekend.

The ban runs from May 11 to May 21 in Arrowhead, Awenda, Balsam Lake, Bass Lake, Darlington, Earl Rowe, Emily, McRae Point, Killbear, Serpent Mounds, Sibbald Point and Six Mile Lake; May 11 to May 27 in Bon Echo, Ferris, Fitzroy, Presqu'ile, Rideau River and Silver Lake; and May 11 to June 10 in Sandbanks.

Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said today that since the annual alcohol ban was established in selected provincial parks several seasons ago, there has been a positive response from the majority of campers and day visitors who want to enjoy a peaceful holiday weekend.

"By taking this positive approach to a perennial problem, we are attempting to maintain a high-quality camping experience for the majority of our visitors," Mr. Pope said.

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May 8, 1984

ONTARIO GRANTS APPROVED
FOR 18 RENEWABLE RESOURCE PROJECTS
BY UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS

Provincial grants totalling \$251,278, have been awarded under the Ontario Renewable Resource Research Fund for 18 projects at seven universities and the Royal Ontario Museum, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope announced today.

The projects -- which range from rehabilitating fish resources in the Toronto area to preparing a map that describes the vegetation of Presqu'ile Provincial Park on eastern Lake Ontario -- are being conducted by researchers affiliated with the universities of Guelph, Lakehead, Ottawa, Toronto, Trent, Waterloo and York, as well as the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto.

"The grant program supports highly-qualified scientists in the field, with practical results-oriented projects," the Minister said. "I believe this is the most effective way to promote renewable resources research."

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EDITORS: A list of projects is attached.

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ONTARIO RENEWABLE RESOURCE

RESEARCH FUND APPROVED PROJECTS

University of Toronto: (4 projects)

J. Bruce Falls (Department of Zoology): Studying small animal populations in Algonquin Park to determine which mammals are the most abundant in Ontario forests. The results will be used by the ministry to manage marten and fisher. Grant total: \$6,720.

Victor Timmer (Faculty of Forestry): Developing quality control standards for horticultural peat, the major component of greenhouse soil mixes. Grant total: \$25,000.

Henry A. Regier (Institute of Environmental Studies): Studying methods of improving fish habitat -- and eventually sport fishing -- in severely depleted areas of Lake Ontario such as the Toronto Harbor and Burlington Bay. Grant total: \$21,000.

W. Gary Sprules (Department of Zoology): Predicting fish production at various depths by noting the characteristics of plankton in deep and shallow lakes in southern and south central Ontario. Grant total: \$25,000.

Royal Ontario Museum: (one project)

Ed J. Crossman: Studying large predatory fish in central and western Ontario to indicate how various bodies of water should be managed when predators are present. Grant total: \$21,000.

University of Guelph: (5 projects)

John E. Laing (Department of Environmental Biology): Conducting an inventory of insects affecting black spruce seed and cone survival in two Northern Ontario locations. Grant total: \$10,000.

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John C. Roff (Department of Zoology): Studying streams and surrounding watersheds in the Guelph area to provide guidelines for stream management and rehabilitation that will result in optimum trout food production. Grant total: \$10,000.

Erv E. Mackintosh (Department of Land Resource Science): Assessing the degree and extent of soil compaction of cut-over areas of the Great Clay Belt in northeastern Ontario. This will determine the susceptibility of forest soils to compaction during logging operations. Grant total: \$10,000.

Stan Boutin (Department of Zoology): Developing cost-effective methods of monitoring production and harvest of furbearers. Grant total: \$25,000.

David L.G. Noakes (Department of Zoology): Determining the effects of rearing on trout behavior. The responses of the fish during rearing can be used to infer their likely movement and distribution. Grant total: \$15,115.

University of Waterloo: (3 projects)

Geoffrey Power and David Barton (Department of Biology): Identifying habitat occupied by young trout and salmon near the mouths of southern Ontario streams. The researchers are determining how long the fish remain near the shore before moving into the lake. Grant total: \$2,737.

Roger Suffling and Phillip Howarth (Faculty of Environmental Studies): Testing various methods of large-scale vegetative mapping at Presqu'ile Provincial Park, on eastern Lake Ontario, to assist ministry managers and park planners. Grant total: \$14,600.

Larry G. Martin (School of Urban and Regional Planning): Studying the social and economic impact of the yellow pickerel (walleye) sports fishery in the Bay of Quinte. Grant total: \$8,194.

Lakehead University, Thunder Bay: (2 projects)

Robert E. Farmer (School of Forestry): Studying black spruce orchards established in the Matawin Seed Orchard, Thunder Bay district, to produce superior seed. This study of the reproductive features -- flowering, cone and seed characteristics -- will be useful in making recommendations regarding seed orchard management. Grant total: \$2,948.

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Murray W. Lankester (Department of Biology): Studying the effect of parasites on woodland caribou on the Slate Islands in Lake Superior. Grant total: \$12,734.

University of Ottawa: (one project)

Paul A. Keddy (Department of Biology): Studying wetland vegetation in central Ontario and developing new techniques for managing wetland vegetation to increase fish and wildlife production. Grant total: \$10,000.

Trent University, Peterborough: (one project)

Thomas H. Whillans (Department of Environmental and Resource Studies): Studying wetlands and associated fisheries in Kawartha, Rideau and Haliburton Lakes and examining the effect of water level changes on resource management. Grant total: \$12,000.

York University, Toronto: (one project)

James S. Tait (Department of Biology): Studying the effects of low oxygen levels on whitefish in Lake Simcoe to determine if loss of oxygen in late summer is a major cause of mortality in young whitefish. The answer will be a significant step in identifying what brought the whitefish population in the lake to the brink of extinction. Grant total: \$19,230.



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May 9, 1984

ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES RECEIVE
GEOSCIENCE RESEARCH GRANTS
FROM MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

It appears gold fever isn't restricted to Northern Ontario prospectors. Almost half of the 24 grants awarded under the 1984 Ontario Geoscience Research Grant Program will go to projects aimed at improving existing techniques used for gold exploration.

The program, initiated by the Ministry of Natural Resources in 1978, provides up to \$500,000 annually to help finance research projects in Ontario that will make private mineral exploration easier and assist the ministry's earth resources program.

Twenty-four grants totalling \$500,000 have been awarded under the program to nine Ontario universities for 1984/85, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope announced today.

"We have seen a dramatic increase in the level of gold exploration in Northern Ontario over the past two to three years," said Mr. Pope. "This has created a need for better techniques to find gold deposits, and is reflected in the type of grant applications received."

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The projects will use various geoscientific methods to better understand the conditions and processes by which gold deposits were formed millions of years ago. The information will help exploration companies assess gold potential by clarifying the relationship between certain geological conditions and mineral deposits.

Other 1984 projects include a detailed study of chrysotile asbestos that will help researchers investigating the environmental and health impact of this mineral. Two projects will concentrate on assessing potential oil reserves -- one in southwestern Ontario and one in the Moose River Basin in Northern Ontario.

Applications for 1985/86 funding must be submitted by November 15, 1984. The research highlights of this year's projects will be presented at the annual Ontario Geological Survey's Geoscience Research Seminar, on December 4 and 5 in Toronto.

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EDITORS: A list of the 24 geoscience research grants awarded in 1984/85, along with descriptions, is attached.

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University of Toronto: (7 projects) \$173,400

F.J. Wicks (\$29,450): Mineralogy and Geochemistry of the Chrysotile Asbestos Deposits of Ontario

A.J. Naldrett (\$12,750): A study of the Felsic Contamination and Genesis of the Sudbury Ores in Northeastern Ontario

W.M. Schwerdtner (\$34,350): Structural Signature and Tectonic History of Deformed Gold-Bearing Rocks in Northwestern Ontario

N.M. Evensen (\$29,650): A Study of the Petrogenesis of Mineralized Horizons in the Uchi Lake Greenstones

A.J. Naldrett (\$15,350): Petrologic, Isotopic and Paleomagnetic Investigation of Three Areas of the Nipissing Diabase

Derek York (\$32,350): Dating of Ontario's Gold Deposits

E.T.C. Spooner (\$19,500): A Study to Analyse the Composition of the Mineral Veins, Rock Relationships, Types of Mineralization, Metamorphic Alteration and Structural Relationships Found in Rocks at Former Gold Mines in the Timmins Area

McMaster University, Hamilton: (3 projects) \$59,400

M.J. Risk (\$14,150): Sedimentology of the Long Rapids Formation in the Moose River Basin

J.H. Crocket (\$38,150): Genesis of Precambrian Iron Formations -- Links with Base and Precious Metal Mineralization

H.P. Schwarcz (\$7,100): Surplus Isotope Studies of Archean Gold Deposits

University of Waterloo: (3 projects) \$44,450

M.B. Dusseault (\$12,800): Study of Clay Minerals in Southwestern Ontario Oil Reserves

P. Fritz (\$19,850): Geochemical and Isotopic Studies of the Salina Formation

R.N. Farvolden (\$11,800): Study of Subsurface Quaternary Stratigraphy Using Borehole Geophysics

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Carleton University, Ottawa: (3 projects) \$61,500

J.M. Moore (\$20,300): Study of the Significance of Chloritoid in Altered Volcanic Rocks

D.H. Watkinson (\$16,400): The Geological Setting and Genesis of the Cameron Lake Gold Deposit

J.A. Donaldson (\$24,800): Study of Sedimentary Rocks and Strata-Bound Mineralization in the Cobalt Region of Northeastern Ontario

University of Ottawa: \$6,000

B.R. Rust (\$6,000): Sedimentology of the Bar River Formation, Huronian Supergroup, Ontario

Queen's University: (3 projects) \$73,625

R.W. Dalrymple (\$15,100): Study of the Sedimentology of the Cambro-Ordovician Sandstones of Eastern Ontario

Ian Nichol (\$25,500): Geochemical Exploration for Gold

C.J. Hodgson (\$33,025): Study of the Structure, Lithology and Gold Mineralization along Main Breaks in the Timmins-Kirkland Lake Area

York University, Toronto: \$18,350

G.R. Edwards (\$18,350): The Petrogenesis and Metallogenesis of the Atikwa-Lawrence Volcanic-Plutonic Terrane

Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, \$9,325

S.A. Kissin (\$9,325): Genesis of Pegmatites in the Quetico Gneiss Belt of Northwestern Ontario

University of Western Ontario, London: (2 projects) \$53,950

Grant Young (\$19,650): Stratigraphy, Sedimentology and Geochemistry of Parts of the Gowganda and Lorrain Formations, North Shore of Lake Huron

W.S. Fyfe (\$34,300): Stratigraphy and Geochemistry of Northern Ontario Carbonaceous Deposits: Onakawana Lignites and James Bay Peats.



May 10, 1984

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO
DEVELOP COMPUTERIZED LAND-RELATED
INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR ONTARIO

The Ontario government will cost-share a \$5.3-million project over the next three years to develop a computerized land-related information system for use by provincial and municipal governments and the private sector. This system will be designed in co-operation with the Ontario mapping industry.

The system could save millions of dollars for many sectors by standardizing land-related information development efforts in the province, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said today.

For example, it will enable fire engine or ambulance operators to choose the shortest response routes. That route will be based on such considerations as street addresses, one-way streets, traffic flow, weather, street closings and accidents.

The system will aid forest fire fighting by providing computer maps which -- when combined with other data such as wind velocity, moisture and fuel conditions -- will help in planning fire attack and control.

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Lawyers will be able to search titles more efficiently and inexpensively. It will also help real estate agents to determine the market value of land for sales purposes based on surrounding land values. Also, municipalities will be able to build a parcel data base and graphically display parcel boundaries, ownership, utilities and zoning, replacing map files.

The Ontario mapping industry estimates revenues could reach \$60-million to \$70-million a year within five years in developing such systems for domestic and overseas markets. At least 250 to 300 jobs could be created over 10 years.

The ministries of Natural Resources, Consumer and Commercial Relations, Health, Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Board of Industrial Leadership and Development (BILD), the cities of Cambridge and Woodstock and the County of Oxford as well as the Ontario mapping industry and Bell Canada will share the cost of the new system.

The project is designed to develop a common computer data base for land-related information systems in Ontario and establish a production environment for the mapping industry. The money will also be used to help the mapping industry bridge the transition from conventional mapping to computer technology and improve the industry's competitive position both in Canada and worldwide.

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"This computerized system will bring all mapping information into a common, useful base. It is the first step in bringing Ontario mapping into the modern computerized age," said Mr. Pope.

In order to ensure that both industry and government concerns are met, the project will be a team effort. "We will work closely with other government ministries, the mapping industry, with utilities and with the municipalities where pilot projects will take place," he said.

"The ability to produce mapping information from numeric data is already attracting worldwide attention. I see a growing Ontario mapping industry once we have these capabilities," Mr. Pope said. "Clearly, the industry will be in a position to assume a competitive edge in international markets."

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May 14, 1984

MINISTRY TO RELEASE GEOPHYSICAL
SURVEY MAPS OF FORTY TOWNSHIPS
IN BLACK RIVER-MATHESON AREA

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources will release detailed maps May 17 that are expected to spark considerable mineral exploration and development work northeast of Timmins.

The maps show the results of an airborne electromagnetic and magnetic geophysical survey of 3,550 square kilometres of the Black River-Matheson area. They will be released simultaneously at 1 p.m. EDT at the ministry's offices in Timmins, Kirkland Lake, Matheson and Toronto.

The maps -- 80 in all, available in two sets of 40, at two different scales -- pinpoint the location of more than 2,700 electromagnetic and magnetic anomaly intercepts. Anomalies reveal significant differences in the area's subsurface geology that may be linked to the presence of economic mineral deposits. The package of all 80 maps will cost \$80, plus provincial sales tax.

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"MAY IS FAMILY UNITY MONTH"

"I believe that this information will be a real incentive to exploration and development work in the Black River-Matheson area," said Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope, who plans to be on hand May 17 to sell the first set of maps in Timmins. The Minister noted that this is the third year of geological study in the area, and that an expanded program of surveys is planned for this summer.

The new maps will be the first major release of information from Operation Black River-Matheson, sponsored jointly by the ministries of Natural Resources and Northern Affairs to enhance the geological data base in the vicinity of the Destor-Porcupine fault, which has long been well-known for its mineral potential.

The survey was carried out by Questor Surveys Limited of Mississauga, using a modified "high power" Mark VI INPUT system.

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EIGHTEEN ONTARIO FIRMS
RECEIVE GRANTS FOR
MINERAL EXPLORATION PROJECTS

May 29, 1984

Eighteen organizations supplying services to Ontario mineral exploration firms have been awarded a total of \$954,800 in grants through the province's Exploration Technology Development Fund, Ontario Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope announced today.

The fund supports applied research and development that leads to the manufacture and marketing of equipment and techniques which will support mineral exploration within the province. More than half of the funding is directed at utilizing the high technology labor force currently available in Ontario.

In 1984-85, the ETDF program will support 10 new research programs to Ontario organizations. Another eight will be renewal projects with six to be completed by year's end. The grants range from \$17,500 to \$120,000.

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"MAY IS FAMILY UNITY MONTH"

Since the program began in 1981, more than \$3.6-million has been allotted to research projects in Ontario.

Two of the projects completed over the last year involved Questor Surveys Limited, Mississauga, Ont., and Lamontagne Geophysics Limited, Toronto.

Questor redesigned its INPUT system which will result in an improved airborne survey with greater ability to detect deeply buried ore bodies.

Lamontagne developed an improved electromagnetic system that will help detect ore bodies at depths that currently could not be reached.

The Exploration Technology Development Fund is sponsored by the Board of Industrial Leadership and Development (BILD) and administered by the Ontario Geological Survey of the Ministry of Natural Resources. BILD is the cabinet committee responsible for directing the province's economic development policies.

More information concerning the Exploration Technology Development Fund can be obtained from the grants administrator at (416) 965-1546.

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EDITORS: A list of grants and recipients is attached.

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EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT FUND

GRANT RECIPIENTS

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>GRANT</u>
Crone Geophysics Limited, Mississauga	\$ 51,000
Androtex Limited, Mississauga	52,600
RMS Instruments Limited, Mississauga	33,100
Morris Magnetism, Lucan	19,500
Geotech Limited, Markham	65,600
IFG Company, Brampton	17,500
X-Ray Assay Laboratories, Limited, Don Mills	91,000
Dighem Limited, Toronto	120,000
Barringer Research Limited, Rexdale	19,900
Jodex Applied Geosciences Limited, Toronto	44,400
Lamontagne Geophysics Limited, Toronto	88,400
Morris Magnetism, Lucan	39,600
Gem Systems Incorporated, Don Mills	90,000
A-Cubed Incorporated, Mississauga	48,400
Paterson, Grant & Watson Limited, Toronto	43,600
Teck Exploration Limited/X-Ray Assay Laboratories Limited, Don Mills	49,300
EDA Instruments Incorporated, Toronto	23,400
Phoenix Geophysics Limited, Willowdale	<u>57,500</u>
Total:	\$ 954,800



June 8, 1984

ONTARIO PROVIDES WATERFRONT LAND
FOR FUTURE EXPANSION OF FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT WHARF IN DOWNTOWN NORTH BAY

The Ontario Cabinet has approved the transfer of 4.2 hectares of Crown land on the downtown North Bay waterfront to the federal government, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope announced today.

The land will be used to expand the existing federal government docking and marina facilities in North Bay.

"The land transfer means that work can begin on additional breakwaters and 40 new berths at the federal facilities in North Bay. Eventually, the expansion could provide as many as 300 new berths," Mr. Pope said.

"The federal marina expansion will provide North Bay with even better facilities for recreational boating. That should really help the local tourist industry, as well as provide new employment during the construction phase," Nipissing MPP Mike Harris said.

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Ontario's contribution to the federal marina project is a 4.2 hectare parcel of land -- and water -- that lies along the shore of Lake Nipissing between the existing federal facilities and the property held by Marathon Realty, and extends some 340 metres out into the lake.

Mr. Pope noted that the contribution of Crown land is just one of the ways the Ontario government has encouraged better recreational boating and marina facilities throughout Ontario.

"Through the Board of Industrial Leadership and Development (BILD), Ontario's Major Marina Development Program has so far allocated a total of \$10.2-million to assist the expansion and construction of new marina facilities," he said.

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June 18, 1984

GOVERNMENT TO TURN
SCOTS PINE PRODUCTION
OVER TO PRIVATE SECTOR

The Christmas Tree Growers Association of Ontario will soon be growing their own improved Scots pine seedlings, rather than relying on government nurseries.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is gradually phasing out Scots Pine production, leaving this activity to the private sector. By 1989, private nurseries should be growing enough seedlings to meet the needs of Christmas tree growers.

In addition, as of July 1, 1984, the cost of Scots pine stock grown at Ontario government nurseries will increase by five per cent to reflect increasing production costs. A bag of 1,000 seedlings will cost \$26.25, up from \$25.

"We welcome the opportunity to enter into this co-operative venture with the Christmas tree growers," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said. "My ministry will continue its efforts to create superior planting stock, in conjunction with the growers. This will help them compete in a demanding market."

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Scots pine - 2

The ministry has begun experiments at its Orono nursery with rooted cuttings taken from 20 seed source selections. The association -- which has a long-term lease of the nursery's six-hectare seed orchard -- is responsible for preparing the site, planting and managing grafted stock.

Private growers will ensure that they provide a top-quality product by testing seed from other sources that displays the best Christmas tree characteristics -- color, shape and density.

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June 20, 1984

RESOURCES MINISTRY INVITES
MANUFACTURERS TO PRODUCE
HUMANE FOOT-SNARE TRAP

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has invited manufacturers to submit proposals to produce and distribute the Novak foot-snare trap -- a humane trap that virtually eliminates injury to animals.

The trap, developed by the ministry's fur management co-ordinator Milan Novak, is designed to catch such animals as foxes, coyotes and wolves.

The trap is selective to a range of animal weights. Larger animals such as deer or bear can escape without injury. The trap can also be set so that smaller animals such as cats and rabbits will not trigger the mechanism.

"During two years of field testing, 98 per cent of all animals captured in the trap had either no injury whatever or suffered only very minor abrasions. This is a major improvement over the leg-hold trap, which has been the focus of anti-trapping and humane trapping concerns around the world," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said today.

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He said his ministry has invited a number of manufacturers to submit proposals to produce the foot-snare trap, and added that he would welcome proposals from any Canadian manufacturer. The deadline for proposals is July 16, 1984.

"Later this summer, we will select and license a company to produce and distribute the Novak foot-snare trap," he said.

Mr. Pope said he was confident that successful production of the Novak foot-snare trap will lay the foundation for a profitable and important Canadian industry.

The Minister also had high praise for Milan Novak, the principal designer of the trap. "Mr. Novak was instrumental in the development of this humane trap, and I admire him for both his innovation and dedication," Mr. Pope said.

"Ontario's objective has been, and will continue to be, the encouragement of more humane methods of trapping animals, and to promote the continued well-being of the trapping industry."

Companies interested in submitting proposals to produce and distribute the Novak foot-snare trap should contact:

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YOUNG PEREGRINE FALCONS
FIND NEW HOME ON LEDGE OF
CANADA LIFE BUILDING IN TORONTO

June 21, 1984

At Canada Life Assurance Company, protection involves more than people -- it also means working with the Ministry of Natural Resources and World Wildlife Fund Canada to ensure the survival of peregrine falcons in Ontario.

Three young peregrine falcons will be placed in a nesting box on the side of the Canada Life Building, at 330 University Avenue in downtown Toronto on Tuesday, June 26. The project was arranged by the Ministry of Natural Resources, using birds raised by the Canadian Wildlife Service in Camp Wainwright, Alberta.

"I am especially pleased that we were able to locate these birds at the Canada Life Building -- and we appreciate the extra effort of Canada Life staff in assisting ministry staff in this project," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said. "It is heartening that this well-established and respected institution is demonstrating such a keen interest in conserving endangered species.

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E.H. Crawford, president of Canada Life, said his company has a growing concern for Canada's threatened wildlife species.

"Since 1847, our company's corporate symbol has been a pelican feeding her young. In recent years, the Canadian white pelican has become a threatened species, classed as endangered in British Columbia and Ontario," Mr. Crawford said. "Canada Life's efforts with World Wildlife Fund Canada to conserve white pelicans showed us that we could make a substantial contribution to the program under way to re-introduce peregrine falcons in Ontario".

Canada Life is also sponsoring corporate communications campaigns that urge Canadians to support World Wildlife Fund Canada, as well as featuring information on a number of threatened or endangered species in Canada -- such as the peregrine falcon, the Canadian white pelican and the eastern cougar.

The Eastern peregrine falcon was heading for extinction as a result of DDT poisoning -- which contaminated its food supplies and resulted in thin-shelled eggs that cracked before hatching.

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The Ministry of Natural Resources first released peregrines in Algonquin Provincial Park in 1977. In the last three years, the ministry released young peregrines from Toronto buildings -- a clock tower at Upper Canada College and from the ministry's main office building at Queen's Park.

Tall buildings are ideal release sites because their straight sides resemble the steep cliff faces that falcons prefer for nesting.

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June 27, 1984

NEW SALMON HATCHERY BUILT
BY THE TORONTO STAR, MNR
AND ST. CATHARINES ANGLERS

What do you get when you cross a newspaper with anglers, hunters and the Ontario government?

Usually, a good fish story.

But when the Toronto Star, the St. Catharines Game and Fish Association and the Ministry of Natural Resources got together, the result was a salmon hatchery.

The Ringwood Fish Culture Station, a hatchery that will pour 750,000 salmon a year into Lake Ontario, was officially opened today by Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope.

"Without these two organizations, Ringwood might not have been possible," Mr. Pope said. The hatchery is located north of the community of Ringwood, just west of Stouffville.

The new facility will provide 260,000 coho and 500,000 chinook salmon that have been raised from eggs taken from spawning Pacific salmon in the Credit River, Bronte Creek and Jordan Harbour.

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The Ringwood hatchery was one of the first projects announced under the ministry's Community Fisheries Involvement Program, begun three years ago to increase opportunities for government and the public to work together to improve local fisheries.

The Toronto Star contributed \$70,000 toward building the hatchery from the proceeds of its Great Salmon Derby. The St. Catharines Game and Fish Association provided \$30,000 to help pay for 20 rearing tanks and an oxygen distribution system.

The association also funded The Lake Ontario Salmon Express, a tanker trailer that can be hitched to a truck for delivering small salmon to various planting sites around the lake's western basin.

The province provided the land, main building, wells, water cooling and aeration tower, rearing tanks, offices, feed and storage facilities, fish laboratory, visitor information centre and three staff for the \$1.5-million Ringwood hatchery.

Mr. Pope said that 38 shared fisheries management projects have been approved across Ontario so far this year under the Community Fisheries Involvement Program, including 12 major walleye production projects.

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June 29, 1984

ARRESTS THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA
FOLLOW MAJOR UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION
INTO ILLEGAL SALES OF BIRDS OF PREY

Wildlife officers in three Canadian provinces and 14 U.S. states today executed more than 80 search warrants and arrested more than 35 people as a result of a three-year undercover investigation into a thriving multi-million-dollar international black market in protected birds.

Four Ontario residents face conspiracy, smuggling and false documentation charges following raids this morning on a farm, homes and businesses in southern Ontario by officers of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the RCMP. Searches also took place in British Columbia and the Yukon Territory.

Officers in both Canada and the United States laid more than 80 charges, including trafficking in illegal birds, smuggling, conspiracy, mail fraud and making false statements. A variety of charges under both the Canadian and American wildlife protection acts have also been laid in the investigation.

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Charges in Ontario have been laid under the Customs Act, the Export and Import Permits Act and the Criminal Code of Canada. Seizures throughout North America include live birds of prey -- such as gyrfalcons, peregrine falcons and other protected birds -- as well as cars, trucks and aircraft used in the violations.

Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope called the growing illegal traffic in protected wildlife "a serious threat to many species."

"I am pleased we have been able to co-operate with law enforcement officers in the United States, other provinces and the Yukon Territory in taking action against this illegal trade," Mr. Pope said.

The investigation -- co-ordinated by conservation officers Ron Jean-Marie and Peter Meerveld of the Cambridge district office -- involved the RCMP, the Canadian Department of Justice, U.S. fish and wildlife agents and provincial and state conservation officers.

Investigators estimate that hundreds of raptors have been taken illegally from the wild between 1981 and 1984. These birds have been bartered and sold to buyers in the United States, Europe and the Middle East for use in falconry.

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The Criminal Code charges carry a maximum penalty of two years in prison. Penalties under the Export and Import Permits Act may range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 and one to five years in prison.

Those charged in Ontario currently face a total of 14 charges. Court appearances are pending.

Charged in Ontario are Wilfred Emonts of Mississauga; John H. Slaytor of Cambridge; Mario Tricoci, of 30th Street, Toronto; and Glen Luckman of Kanata.

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EDITORS: Please note a fact sheet is attached.

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FACT SHEET ON FALCONRY

- Falconry -- known as the "sport of kings" -- originated in China about 2000 BC.
- Falcons are swift, strong birds admired throughout the world for their hunting prowess. Gyrfalcons -- the largest of the falcons -- can climb straight in the air then descend on prey at speeds of more than 300 km-h. Peregrines circle patiently, waiting for prey to be flushed. Both species hunt ducks and other birds, as well as small mammals such as rabbits.
- During the last decade, the demand for peregrine falcons and gyrfalcons has risen dramatically on the international market. This demand has resulted in an increase in the illegal taking of eggs and young falcons from their nests throughout the Canadian Arctic, the primary breeding area for these species.
- When captured, the falcons are illegally exported to Europe or the Middle East where they are highly prized by falconers.
- The black market price for raptors in the United States -- depending on color, size and general condition -- can reach \$10,000 for white female gyrfalcons. The price for the same bird in Europe or the Middle East can reach \$50,000 or more. The price for peregrine falcons in the United States can reach \$2,000; goshawks \$1,500; Prairie falcons \$800 and Harris hawks \$600.
- Falcons can be legally possessed in Ontario for only two purposes -- for patrol work to rid airports of dangerous nuisance birds such as gulls, and for exhibition in educational institutions and municipal zoos.



July 5, 1984

ADVISORY GROUP
TO REVIEW PARK PLANS
FOR FRENCH RIVER

Canoe trippers, boaters, tourist operators, anglers and other outdoor enthusiasts are significantly closer to gaining official recognition of their perfect playground -- a new waterway provincial park encompassing Ontario's historic French River.

A public advisory group has been named by Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope to assist with a management plan for the river, once an important trade route for colorful and flamboyant voyageurs. Existing uses in the area, such as tourist operators, will be given priority during the planning.

Mr. Pope said the 23-member group -- which includes local cottagers, resort owners, naturalists, sportsmen, native people and trappers -- will advise his staff of local and provincial concerns, while ensuring a thorough public review of the plan.

He said a background information, policy and options package will be available by mid-summer to anyone interested.

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"If public comment warrants it, the plan points the way to a fine new waterway provincial park which should enhance existing tourism and recreation in the area," Mr. Pope said. "The plan also calls for the possible designation of the French River as a Canadian Heritage River by Parks Canada and Ontario."

The French River, which runs 110 kilometres from Lake Nipissing to Georgian Bay, was recommended as a waterway park during the ministry's major Strategic Land Use Planning Program.

The 600-square-kilometre management area includes all Crown lands and waters along the river and the entire rock delta formation at the French and Pickerel River mouths.

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Waterway parks and the French River

- Waterway provincial parks are selected because of their diverse range of natural, cultural and recreational waterway environments in Ontario.

- Such areas incorporate outstanding waterway routes which often have historical significance, providing high-quality recreational and educational experiences.

- They may range from "wild" rivers offering challenging and picturesque canoe routes for skilled canoeists to corridors in highly developed areas for a more leisurely journey.

- Although there are pockets of cottage and commercial development in a few areas of the French River, most of the shoreline throughout its length consists of undeveloped Crown land which is responsible for its natural appeal.

- National and provincial interest in the French River as a Canadian Heritage River and as a provincial park has occurred because of:

- the nationally and provincially significant cultural heritage features and areas associated with the role of the French River as a voyageur route during the era of Canadian exploration and the fur trade;
- rare and endangered plant and animal species which originate back to glaciers on the Canadian Shield; and,
- the exceptionally high scenic values along some sections of the river characterized by rapids, chutes and falls and island-dominated lakes.



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PRELIMINARY MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR KILLARNEY PROVINCIAL PARK
TO BE RELEASED THIS SUMMER

Campers, canoeists, hikers, nature lovers and other interested Ontario residents will have an opportunity this summer to review the preliminary management plan for Killarney Provincial Park, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said today.

He said copies of the plan -- the last stage of an intensive public consultation program which began in 1970 -- will be available in early August at the park, at the ministry's Sudbury and Espanola district offices and at public libraries in both communities.

Many interest groups and individuals will be contacted by the ministry and are encouraged to send in comments to the Sudbury district office. Open house meetings will also be held to provide opportunities for reviewing the plan.

"We will welcome comments from the public on the new policies which were designed for resource protection and recreation management," Mr. Pope said.

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Killarney offers a variety of wilderness experiences. As outlined in the plan, campers will have a choice of either wilderness campsites with few facilities, or serviced campsites in the George Lake campground.

With some of the best canoeing, hiking and camping in the province, Killarney is within a day's drive of most southern Ontario centres. It is situated on the north shore of Georgian Bay, 300 kilometres north of Toronto and 80 kilometres south of Sudbury.

"We are grateful for the foresight shown in the 1950s by the late A.Y. Jackson and other members of the Group of Seven in suggesting this area as ideal for a provincial park," Mr. Pope said. "For two decades, thousands of campers, canoeists, naturalists and hikers have admired its spectacular scenery, dominated by the rugged ridges of the La Cloche Mountains."

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July 11, 1984

NEW PUBLICATION FROM
THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FEATURES ONTARIO'S OFFICIAL TREE

The Ministry of Natural Resources has issued a lively and informative history of the early years in Ontario, focusing on the province's newest official emblem -- the eastern white pine.

The book, White Pine -- Ontario Celebrates Its History, uses many archival photographs along with maps, color photographs and text to present a fascinating account of the vital role the white pine played in the development of this province.

"The white pine was the obvious choice to be Ontario's official tree," says Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope. "More than any other single factor, the white pine shaped the history of this province. It formed the basis of Ontario's industry in the 1800s and led to the development of canal systems, railroads, settlements and towns."

"This book gives us a highly readable and visual description of 200 years of our heritage, making it an appropriate contribution to Ontario's Bicentennial celebrations," Mr. Pope said.

The book traces how the forest industry led the development of the province. The British Royal Navy looked to Ontario's forests as a source of timber supplies in the late 1700s.

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By the middle of the 18th century, railways were built to reach the white pine. Sawmills followed the railways, and communities followed the sawmills.

Colorful maps chart the early southern Ontario logging centres and transportation routes, as well as showing the current forest management projects and most of the major white pine stands existing today.

The white pine is still the most valuable softwood lumber in eastern Canada.

"Of course, Ontario is no longer as heavily forested as it was when the first settlers arrived," said Mr. Pope. "But through intensive forest management programs and regeneration projects, we are guaranteeing a viable forest industry for future generations."

"Eight million white pine seedlings, including some from superior parent trees, are produced in provincial nurseries and planted each year throughout Ontario. Seed orchards are being established and genetic research continues to increase."

Copies of White Pine -- Ontario Celebrates Its History, may be purchased for \$5.50 at the Ontario Government Bookstore, 880 Bay Street in Toronto. Mail orders, accompanied by cheques or money orders payable to the Treasurer of Ontario, should be directed to:

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July 13, 1984

ONTARIO COAT OF ARMS
WILL BE CARVED FROM
SLAB OF WHITE PINE

A group of skilled amateur wood carvers will begin to work this summer on a bicentennial gift for Ontario which should last for centuries -- a provincial coat of arms.

Beginning tomorrow, visitors to the Ontario Science Centre can watch as work by members of the Ontario Woodcarvers Association progresses daily from a thick slab of eastern white pine -- about the size of an average desk top -- to the finished product.

When completed, the coat of arms will hang in one of the committee rooms of the main Legislative Building at Queen's Park.

Wood from the white pine -- recently named Ontario's official tree -- was donated by the Ontario Lumber Manufacturers' Association.

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"I'm delighted that this project was suggested by the Ontario Woodcarvers Association," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said today.

"The amateur carvers who belong to the Association are committed to producing a world class bas relief carving that will be an important part of this province's history."

An official unveiling of the shield is planned for next spring.

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July 16, 1984

44,000 COW AND BULL TAGS
ISSUED FOR 1984
ONTARIO MOOSE HUNT

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has mailed out 44,000 bull and cow tags under its 1984 moose selective harvest.

"We had set a limit of 45,900 tags to maintain the program's conservation targets this year. In some Wildlife Management Units, there were fewer applications than tags available, and thus some tags were not distributed," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said today.

"In 1982 -- the last hunt before we introduced the selective harvest -- there were 86,000 hunters licensed to take the moose of their choice. In 1983, 50,000 hunters received tags to hunt either a bull or cow moose. With the 44,000 tags issued this year, we are right on target in our efforts to reduce the moose harvest in Ontario."

Under the selective harvest, moose hunters who do not receive a bull or cow tag may harvest a calf.

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Mr. Pope said that the draw was much smoother this year. Some hunters, however, did receive both a valid tag and a notice that they were unsuccessful in the draw. Hunters who received a tag and such a notice should simply disregard the notice.

About two-thirds of all hunters who applied received a tag in this year's draw. Applicants who do not receive a tag or a letter from the ministry were not successful in the draw, but should try again next year. Hunters who have questions about the moose program should contact the local office of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

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July 17, 1984

JUNIOR CONSERVATIONISTS
BEGIN ANOTHER SUMMER
ON RESOURCE PROJECTS

Twenty-eight Ontario teenagers are learning first hand about Ontario's resources this summer by working for four of the province's conservation authorities.

The objective of the annual Junior Conservationist Award Program -- sponsored by the Ministry of Natural Resources -- is to create a continuing interest in the wise management of our natural environment.

"Since 1966, hundreds of teenagers have learned conservation and resource management skills through this program," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said today. "Their enthusiasm and hard work has helped tremendously in undertaking important resource projects in Ontario's watersheds."

After a week of orientation at the ministry's Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre at Dorset, groups of seven students began working for four conservation authorities.

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One group is compiling a brochure of trees, shrubs and woodlots for the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority.

The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority team is planning, surveying and constructing a self-guided nature trail through a walnut grove and plantations south of the gate house at Fanshawe Conservation Area near London.

Students at the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority near Aylmer are carrying out an inventory of the Silver Creek watershed. This information will assist in management of the area for flood control, erosion problems and in the rehabilitation of trout streams.

A resource inventory on Gibson Lake and surrounding marshlands near Mono Mills, is being conducted by the group working for the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. Their findings will form the basis of a resource management plan for the area.

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CAGED LAKE TROUT PROJECT
BEGINS OFF LITTLE CURRENT
ON MANITOULIN ISLAND

July 18, 1984

The Ministry of Natural Resources plans to raise 30,000 lake trout hybrids in an "underwater hatchery" off Manitoulin Island, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope and John Lane, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin announced today.

The facility, near Little Current, consists of two "cages" or nets suspended in the water from floating support decks. A platform surrounding the nets permits ministry staff to hand-feed and observe the fish.

"While cage culture has been used in recent years in Ontario to raise fish for the commercial market, this is the first time it has been attempted by the ministry for stocking," Mr. Pope said.

The fish -- lake trout-brook trout hybrids -- will be reared in the cages for up to a year, then released at a suitable stocking site in Georgian Bay.

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"The new hatchery provides a potential opportunity for exporting fish from the area and will give a welcome boost to local sport and commercial fishing," Mr. Lane said.

Mr. Pope said the ministry is very pleased with the co-operation it has received from Canada Cement Lafarge Ltd., which has provided site access and use of their facilities.

"The experimental project, if successful, would lead to less costly fish stocking in future," Mr. Pope said.

"The ministry could use smaller land-based hatcheries to raise fish from the egg to the fingerling stage.

Fingerlings could then be reared in "cages" until ready for stocking as yearlings."

The purpose of Little Current cage facility is to help re-establish naturally reproducing trout populations, following the loss of Lake Huron's native lake trout to sea lamprey predation and over-fishing.

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July 20, 1984

JULY 28 PICNIC SET
TO HONOR QUETICO-SUPERIOR'S
75TH ANNIVERSARY

You don't need a special invitation to attend the joint 75th birthday party planned for Ontario's Quetico Forest Reserve and Minnesota's U.S. Superior National Forest.

The summer festivities will be highlighted by a 75th anniversary picnic on Saturday, July 28.

Government officials from both Ontario and the U.S. will pay tribute to Quetico-Superior at the picnic, to be held at the Dawson Trail Campground in Quetico Provincial Park. There will also be historic fur trade canoe brigades, native dancing, performances by the Wakami Wailers heritage concert troupe, good food and lots of fun.

"The extraordinary natural beauty and great popularity of the Quetico-Superior area in 1984 are a continuing tribute to the foresight of the people who worked so hard 75 years ago to preserve it," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said. "Today, it is one of the most magnificent wilderness areas in the world."

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In 1909, the governments of Ontario, the United States and Minnesota established the Quetico Forest Reserve, the Superior National Forest and the Minnesota Game Reserve respectively. Quetico became a provincial park four years later. Since then, the Ontario, U.S. and Minnesota governments have worked closely together to manage this unparalleled wilderness.

Quetico-Superior is among the world's best canoeing areas, with an incomparable landscape and rich historical heritage. Two major fur trading routes crossed the park and, this summer, all park visitors can receive certificates as wilderness voyageurs.

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September 12, 1984

HISTORICAL AIRCRAFT
TO BE DEDICATED AT
SAULT STE. MARIE

Ontario government and local officials will gather at the Sault Ste. Marie airport next Monday to welcome back an old friend.

The ceremony is to dedicate a restored 1930 Fairchild KR-34 -- a vintage three-place biplane -- that will be rejoining the provincial air fleet after an absence of almost 40 years. Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope will preside over the ceremony.

"Ontario's air fleet has maintained a proud history ever since its inception in 1924, and the KR-34 -- the first aircraft ever used in aerial waterbombing experiments -- symbolizes an era of aviation that was instrumental to resource management in Ontario," Mr. Pope said.

"Today we know the importance of fire management to balanced forest management, and we are continually upgrading and updating our fire management capabilities," he added.

The Fairchild KR-34 -- which has been restored to airworthy condition as part of the Ontario Provincial Air Fleet's 60th Anniversary celebrations -- has a special place in Ontario's aviation history.

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It first saw service with the OPAS in 1931. It was stationed in Algonquin Park for several years, and then transferred to the Temagami area until 1944.

In 1945, E. R. (Sonny) Dale of Sault Ste. Marie purchased the aircraft, and founded Air-Dale Flying Service. The KR-34 crashed in the bush 120 kilometres north of Sault Ste. Marie in 1948 -- and remained in the bush for 15 years.

The Provincial Air Service staff salvaged the plane in 1963. The painstaking task of rebuilding the vintage aircraft -- without the aid of original plans -- was undertaken by several air engineers at the Aviation and Fire Management Centre in Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. Pope will present a commemorative photograph of the KR-34 to Viola Lamont, whose late husband devoted much of his time to the restoration project even after his retirement from the ministry in 1980.

John Goodman, director of the Aviation and Fire Management Centre, will present a similar photograph to Laureen Dale, whose late husband added significantly to northern Ontario's long aviation history.

"We are very honored to have this historical aircraft rejoin the fleet, and I want to extend my great appreciation to all those who contributed to the project over the years," Mr. Goodman said.

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September 13, 1984

NATURAL RESOURCES
TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
PLANNED FOR GRAVENHURST

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources will establish a fisheries, wildlife and forestry centre in Gravenhurst, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope announced today.

Scientific specialists at the planned Natural Resources Technology Development Unit will find ways to improve the state of fisheries, wildlife and forests in the Muskoka area and elsewhere in Ontario.

"This work will undoubtedly lead to such things as improved fishing and hunting in the Muskokas, which is of course good news for the tourism-based economy of the region," Mr. Pope said.

The centre will employ about 25-30 permanent staff, plus additional seasonal contract staff. No existing jobs in the ministry's district offices will be affected by the new centre.

The ministry's acid precipitation studies, fisheries assessment units and the popular Community Fisheries Involvement Program will be co-ordinated from the new Gravenhurst facility. This work now takes place at the ministry's main office in Toronto.

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"It makes sense that this work take place right in the heart of this important recreational area," Mr. Pope said. "By being in Gravenhurst, our scientific specialists will have an excellent on-site opportunity to test and develop new scientific information and techniques -- and then see that they are transferred into action.

"Because acid precipitation is such a major concern in this region, it is logical that our efforts be concentrated here. My ministry's acid precipitation studies deal with the impact of acid precipitation on fisheries, wildlife and forestry. This work complements the research that takes place at the Ministry of Environment's acid precipitation facility in Dorset," he added.

The Gravenhurst facility will also be the home of a fisheries assessment unit, which will be responsible for the Muskoka area. Fisheries experts at the unit will study the effect of such things as water quality, habitat changes, water levels and stocking on fish populations.

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Forestry authorities at the Gravenhurst centre will develop new silviculture techniques for valuable hardwoods, such as maple and birch, and for white and red pine. These trees are found through much of southern, central and eastern Ontario. The forestry team will also work closely with wildlife specialists at the centre to learn more about how certain cutting and silviculture techniques can improve deer, moose and bear habitat.

"The constant development and testing of new resource techniques at the centre will help the ministry do an even more effective job of managing Ontario's natural resources," Mr. Pope said.

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September 17, 1984

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ANNOUNCES BILD EMPLOYMENT
PROJECTS FOR SAULT STE. MARIE

Ten projects which will create employment and enhance the tourism and recreation potential of the Sault Ste. Marie area were announced today by Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope.

The projects are funded through the Ontario Board of Industrial Leadership and Development (BILD), under the new Community Economic Transformation Agreement (CETA) announced by the Treasurer in the May 1984 budget.

BILD is the Cabinet committee responsible for directing the province's economic development.

"It is important that programs like CETA produce long-term benefits for the community," Mr. Pope said. "We are hoping to accomplish this goal by focusing on projects that will promote diversification of the city's economic base."

The projects -- totalling more than \$650,000 in funding -- are expected to create 115 jobs in the Sault Ste. Marie area for a total of more than 1,600 weeks of employment.

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Four of the projects will receive additional funding under CETA's Youth Corps program designed to provide training and jobs for unemployed young people.

Among the projects approved are a walleye rearing station for advanced fry on the Goulais River, the design and construction of fish cleaning stations in major fishing areas around the city, area stream clean-up and enhancement and a feasibility study to determine the need for a fish ladder at Chippewa Falls.

Negotiations are still going on for two projects to improve and expand small craft marina facilities in the Sault, and a project to divert water from lock seepage to guarantee minimum flows in Whitefish Creek.

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<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>	<u>NUMBER OF JOBS</u>
Fish Cleaning Stations	\$ 29,000	4
Small Craft Boat Launch	63,150	6
Parks Canada Boat Launch	18,425	6
Monitoring of Major Fishing Areas	92,000	10
Chippewa Falls Stream Survey	76,800	12
Fishing Area Clean Up*	39,000	10
In Stream Fisheries Clean Up*	94,000	15
Inner City Stream Enhancement*	161,590	30
Whitefish Creek Enhancement* and Water Diversion	31,200	4
Goulais River Walleye Hatchery	<u>59,100</u>	<u>8</u>
Totals:	\$664,265	115

*These projects will receive additional funds under CETA's Youth Corps program to hire and train unemployed young people.



September 18, 1984

GROUND-BREAKING AT
FISH CULTURE STATION
AT HARWOOD, ON RICE LAKE

The Ministry of Natural Resources plans to raise 800,000 fish annually at a new fish hatchery located at Harwood, south of Peterborough, on Rice Lake.

The new facility, expected to open in the fall of 1986, will provide fish -- mainly lake and brown trout yearlings -- to stock eastern and central Lake Ontario.

Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope and Howard Sheppard, MPP for Northumberland, today helped turn the sod at a ground breaking ceremony for the Harwood hatchery.

"The Harwood facility -- along with water quality improvements and enhanced fisheries management -- will help us rehabilitate the fish community," Mr. Pope said.

Mr. Sheppard said that over-fishing and poor water quality have resulted in the decline or collapse of some fish species in Lake Ontario.

The Harwood culture station will consist of one building, housing raceways and rearing tanks, as well as troughs for early rearing and incubators for hatching eggs.

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Roma Excavating and Grading Limited, of Concord, the successful bidder for the site preparation contract, has already begun work on the water collection and supply system which is expected to be completed this year.

About 30 jobs will be created during construction of the facility, and once completed, it could generate up to \$4-million dollars in increased sport fishing and tourism opportunities in Lake Ontario.

The Harwood fish hatchery is in addition to new or expanded hatcheries in Sault Ste. Marie, on Lake Simcoe and Manitoulin Island.

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September 18, 1984

5 AGREEMENT WITH CROWN
GIVES TRAPPERS MORE SAY
IN FUR MANAGEMENT MATTERS

The Ontario Trappers' Association will have increasing responsibility and control over provincial fur resources management under a new co-operative agreement signed with his ministry, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope announced today.

The OTA's role will continue to expand into the following areas:

- the determination of quotas;
- setting seasons;
- trapper and public education;
- training and research;
- sharing biological information;
- distributing registered traplines; and,
- the establishment and administration of a private lands fur management program.

"Although the government must assume ultimate responsibility, it is willing to increasingly share many fur management responsibilities with the Ontario Trappers' Association in the future," Mr. Pope said. "This is part of a general ministry thrust to significantly increase public involvement in natural resource management decision-making."

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Mr. Pope said that the OTA has already shown itself to be a capable manager of several provincial fur programs. The OTA has been heavily involved in trapper education programs and in the development and implementation of the new private lands fur management program.

The OTA recently demonstrated its commitment to wise resource management by hiring a full-time chief trapper instructor who will place increasing emphasis on both humane trapping and trapping ethics.

The increased role played by the association is being aided by revenue generated from the sale of a trappers' manual, related publications, and new funds being generated within the Ontario Trappers' Association directed to the special fund set up by the OTA for trapper and public education.

In the past several years, the ministry has also entered into co-operative resource management projects with angling groups, local provincial parks enthusiasts, hunting clubs, naturalist groups, the forest and mining companies, private corporations, schools and municipalities.

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September 19, 1984

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
WILL TEST NEW BAIT TO DELIVER
RABIES VACCINE TO FOXES

A new bait designed to deliver a liquid rabies vaccine to wild foxes will be tested in southwestern Ontario this fall by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Thirteen thousand baits will be dropped on the test area -- bounded by Goderich, Blyth, Seaforth and Bayfield -- on September 25.

No vaccine will be used in the test, but a marker will indicate if a fox ate the bait.

"This is the first time we have tested bait designed for a liquid rabies vaccine," said Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope. "I am pleased that development of baits is keeping up with the latest steps in vaccines. I look forward to the day when we can reduce rabies in wildlife with a vaccine and bait developed here in Ontario."

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The use of liquid vaccine is a new approach to dealing with the problem of rabid foxes. The hamburger bait tested in past years was designed to deliver small pills which released vaccine in the intestine. The new bait will spread liquid vaccine around the mouth of the fox where it will be absorbed.

The test bait is made of plastic foam coated with wax and fat. It will be placed in a plastic bag with a small quantity of raw liver to attract the foxes.

The baits will be dropped from low flying aircraft along the edge of woodland, on gravel pits and other rough land, and on pasture, stubble and fields with low vegetation. No baits will be dropped within 100 metres of farm buildings, houses, roads or recreation areas.

If the initial testing of the bait is successful, the vaccine will be used in 1985.

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EDITORS: Please note an advisory and fact sheet are attached.

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ADVISORY TO EDITORS

Aircraft carrying the trial rabies bait will fly from Goderich Airport at 9:30 a.m. on September 25.

At 10:30 a.m., senior officials of the Ministry of Natural Resources' Rabies Research Unit will hold a briefing on the rabies research program and the purpose of the trial project.

The briefing will be held outside the Goderich Airport administration building. The airport is located on Highway 21, north of Goderich, just north of the Maitland River.

Rabies Research Unit staff will not be available at Maple on September 25, the day of the field trial. If you wish to verify on that day that the trial is going ahead, you may call 1-800-265-4256. This applies only to the day on which the trial is scheduled.



FACT SHEET

September 1984

RABIES IN ONTARIO

- Between April 1, 1983 and March 31, 1984, 1,618 domestic and wild animals in Ontario were diagnosed as rabid.
- Red foxes and skunks accounted for 72 per cent of these cases.
- In 1983, 2,402 people in Ontario received vaccine shots after being exposed to rabid animals.
- Humans are usually exposed to rabies by coming in contact with dogs and cats.
- It costs taxpayers over \$15-million annually for diagnosis, vaccinations and other control measures.
- Pets and livestock can be vaccinated by a veterinarian.
- Controlling rabies in wildlife is difficult. Laboratory work has shown that foxes could be vaccinated if the vaccine is put into a special bait.

Diagnosed Rabies Cases - 1983/84*

<u>Wildlife</u>			<u>Domestic</u>		
Red Fox	659	40.7%	Cattle	191	11.8%
Striped Skunk	525	32.4%	Cat	81	5.0%
Bats	47	2.9%	Dog	52	3.2%
Coyote	9	0.6%	Sheep	21	1.3%
Raccoon	6	0.4%	Horse	10	0.6%
Woodchuck	1	0.1%	Goat	8	0.5%
Mink	1	0.1%	Swine	7	0.4%

Total:	1,248	77.2%	Total:	370	22.8%
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GRAND TOTAL = 1,618

* April 1, 1983 to March 31, 1984. Lab diagnosed cases only; does not include clinical cases - ADRI, Agriculture Canada, Ottawa.



September 26, 1984

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT TO FUND
ECONOMIC STUDY AND SERVICING
FOR NORTH BAY WATERFRONT COMPLEX

North Bay will receive an Ontario government grant of \$400,000 to assess the economic impact and also begin providing services for a new waterfront marina complex, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope and Mike Harris, MPP for Nipissing, announced today.

The grant will come from the Board of Industrial Leadership and Development (BILD), the Ontario cabinet committee responsible for directing the province's economic development.

The economic impact study will cost an estimated \$40,000. The remaining \$360,000 will be made available by BILD to initiate the supply of services, such as water, sewage and electricity, for 40 boat slips and associated waterfront facilities.

"The first 40 boat slips -- part of a proposed total of 275 -- are being funded by the federal government's Small Craft Harbours Branch," Mr. Pope said. "The federal agency is also funding a seawall, dredging and a pump-out station."

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The waterfront complex will include a new marina, amusement park, restaurant, boat supply store, boat rentals, condominiums and a commercial centre in the downtown core. The plan was developed by the city and the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority.

"The waterfront complex could encourage private sector business, and should substantially boost tourism and the city's overall economy," Mr. Harris said.

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EDITORS: Please note a fact sheet is attached.

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September 26, 1984

North Bay Waterfront Development

Economic Study

- BILD has offered up to \$40,000 to fund an economic feasibility study of the North Bay waterfront development plan for the City of North Bay and the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority.

Federal Input

- Small Craft Harbours Branch is providing \$810,000 for seawall construction, dredging, a pump-out station and 40 boat slips out of a potential 275.

Services

- BILD has also offered up to \$360,000 to help provide services -- water, sewers and electricity -- for the 40 federal boat slips and other associated waterfront facilities.

Railway Lands

- The city purchased lands and waterfront leases from Marathon Realty, the real estate arm of the CPR. The railway yard will not be moved in the foreseeable future.

Land Fill

- A large part of the development will take place on land fill along the waterfront.

Estimated Cost

- Total estimated cost is \$6,016,234. This will involve the Nipissing Centre -- museum, hospitality centre, launching ramp, restaurant, pavilion -- site development, beach area improvements, North Bay Museum, shore protection and land fill, Golden Mile land fill link and scenic parkway, and scenic parkway link to Lakeshore Drive.

Private Sector

- Private sector development is expected to include such enterprises as a boat supply store and boat rentals, a restaurant in Nipissing Park, an amusement park, condominium housing, and a commercial complex in the downtown core.



September 26, 1984

ONTARIO AND CIDA TO PROVIDE
FOREST FIREFIGHTING
TECHNOLOGY TO CHINA

Ontario today signed an historic agreement with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) to provide technical expertise on fighting forest fires to the People's Republic of China.

The CIDA-funded program will see Ontario fire managers set up a demonstration forest fire management system in the Jiagedaqi area of northeastern China. As well, Ontario Natural Resources ministry fire staff will help the Chinese develop their own fire management program by training Chinese staff in Ontario and Alberta.

"Ontario has among the best records in the world when it comes to forest fire management. I am very pleased that my ministry's staff were selected as the executing agency for this project," said Ontario Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope.

The five-year project is thought to have considerable goodwill and trade potential for Ontario. CIDA has the lead role on behalf of Canada to provide forestry aid projects to China.

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CIDA's program in China began in 1981, and is its newest and fastest growing. Disbursements for the current fiscal year (1984-85) will amount to about \$13.9-million. Along with forestry, activities are concentrated in the three sectors of human resource development, agriculture and energy.

China has recognized a problem with its forest fire fighting for many years. Although forests cover only 12.7 per cent of China, three per cent of those forests are lost to fire every year, more than 30 times North America's average annual loss of less than one-tenth of one per cent.

In the 6.7 million hectare project area in Jiagedaqi province, fewer than 60 fires occur each year. But these fires consume vast forested areas -- on the average, a total 200,000 hectares annually.

One problem is that the average fire is in the order of 60 hectares before it is discovered. Because the Chinese lack modern forest firefighting equipment and technology, suppression is almost impossible when fires reach this size.

"We will be helping the Chinese develop a centralized fire organization to control detection, communications, prediction, transportation and co-ordinated rapid fire suppression," said John Goodman, director of the ministry's Aviation and Fire Management Centre in Sault Ste. Marie.

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The project involves 12 staff from Ontario's fire organization. One will live in China for two years beginning next spring. Also involved are three members of the Canadian Forestry Service as well as a fire detection expert from Alberta.

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September 27, 1984

ONTARIO POSTS HALF-YEAR GAIN
IN MINERAL EXPLORATION
AND SOME PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES

The romance of exploring for minerals is alive and well in Ontario. Armed with their grubstake, their picks, shovels, and other tools of the trade, hundreds of eager prospectors are scouring the Ontario landscape this year hoping to strike it rich. And their numbers are increasing.

The provincial Ministry of Natural Resources recently completed a six-month review of mineral activities that showed more mining claims in good standing in Ontario than ever before. The review also showed the province is continuing to experience steady growth across a wide spectrum of mineral exploration and production.

"Our semi-annual review of several key areas showed that the increase in exploration activity we've experienced for the past three and a half years is continuing," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said today.

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"The number of claims in good standing in Ontario has risen sharply over the past three-and-a-half years -- up more than 128 per cent from 1980 -- and is still going up," Mr. Pope said.

"Compared to the first half of 1983, 162 per cent more assessment work was completed in Ontario in the first six months of 1984, and the volume of mineral production increased noticeably for most metals."

Ontario's mineral exploration sector was extremely active during the first half of this year. Claimholders recorded close to two million days of assessment work from January to June. That figure represents more than three-quarters of the total amount of assessment work recorded during all of 1983. As well, claims in good standing increased to a record high of 148,484 claims -- representing an area equivalent to 24,000 square kilometres, or about the area of Lake Erie.

So far in 1984, four new Ontario mines -- all gold producers -- have started up, and gold and silver production during the same period reached 264 tonnes, an increase of 37.2 per cent over the first half of 1983.

Non-ferrous base metal production increased by 31.6 per cent, and Ontario's shipments of iron ore rose by 35.3 per cent over the same period.

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"The upward trends are especially encouraging when you consider that Ontario set record highs for the number of claims held in good standing and assessment work performed during 1983," said Mr. Pope. Both factors are generally thought to be indicative of considerable future potential in the province's mineral sector.

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NEW 150-SLIP MARINA
AT KINGSTON HARBOR
COULD MEAN 3,000 JOBS

September 27, 1984

A \$34,137,000 marina complex proposed for the City of Kingston, could mean immediate employment for 1,000 people and 2,000 more jobs on completion, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope and Keith Norton, MPP for Kingston and the Islands, said today.

In addition to the marina, a hotel, restaurant, and residential building would be built on the site.

The Board of Industrial Leadership and Development (BILD) has agreed to provide a grant of \$1,652,000 to fund the construction of the marina. BILD is the Cabinet committee responsible for directing the economic development of Ontario.

"I am extremely pleased with this major proposal for Kingston's waterfront," Mr. Norton, Ontario's Health Minister said. "The resulting increases in tax revenues and jobs will mean a substantial boost in the economy for both the city and Ontario."

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Mr. Pope added that the interministerial Boating Ontario Advisory Team (BOAT), chaired by his ministry, supports the request providing the hotel and associated complex is constructed by the private sector; that the marina (leased from the city) is operated competitively by the private sector; and that an agreement is reached with the federal government's Small Craft Harbours Branch for \$1,645,000 in harbor development work.

"Although Kingston is the recognized freshwater sailing capital of North America, present facilities are not able to accommodate the increased volume of business from both transient and long-term boaters," Mr. Pope said. "The new marina would free up more slips at Confederation Park Marina."

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October 1, 1984

HUNTER NUMBERS
UP IN THIS YEAR'S
DEER TAG DRAW

A total of 27,700 validation tags -- 7,880 more than last year -- were mailed to deer hunters across the province on August 28 for the 1984 hunting season, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope announced today.

The validation tags are issued each year by the ministry to control the number of antlerless deer -- females and fawns -- taken during the season. The ministry allocates the tags on the basis of a random draw which was held this year on August 23.

Mr. Pope attributed the increase in Ontario's deer herd largely to the selective harvest system and mild winters.

"In many wildlife management units, especially in north central and northwestern Ontario, all those who applied were granted tags. Provincially, a hunter's chance of receiving a tag in 1984 was better than one in three, which was similar to 1983," he said.

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In 1984, 59,922 hunters entered the draw, 10,973 more than last year's total of 48,949. More than 44,000 of the hunters who applied this year specified a second choice of provincial Wildlife Management Unit.

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October 2, 1984

NEW PROVINCIAL WATERWAY PARK
TO HONOR LATE JAMES AULD
FORMER NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER

From the rolling farmlands around Charleston Lake and the maple syrup country of Delta, back through the white pines and rock outcrops at Jones Falls and clear back to Foley Mountain overlooking Westport, they all knew Jim Auld.

And he knew them -- usually by their first names.

For 28 years, he was their favorite provincial politician and this was his favorite part of Ontario. Now a long stretch of that countryside will bear his name.

James Auld Provincial Waterway Park is the name of a new park scheduled to open within two years in the heart of Leeds and Frontenac Counties. The park was dedicated today by Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope and Mr. Auld's widow, Nancy. James Auld was first elected to the legislature in 1954 and represented Leeds for 27 years.

The park will extend from the shore of Otter Lake on the boundary of Frontenac Provincial Park -- a half-hour's drive north of Kingston -- to the eastern boundary of Charleston Lake Provincial Park -- near Gananoque. The waterway park will include about 90 kilometres of lakes and rivers.

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From the semi-wilderness of Frontenac, canoe trippers in the proposed James Auld Provincial Waterway Park will travel past four villages and over eight portages. They will pass through some of the finest scenery in eastern Ontario to Charleston Lake -- a park that Mr. Auld helped establish in 1975.

"It will be one of the most relaxing, scenic, interesting provincial parks in the province," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said today. "It flows through a mixture of lush farm country and the rocky outcrops of the Canadian Shield, and for many kilometres, follows the historic Rideau Canal system -- a countryside that Jim Auld knew and loved."

Mr. Auld, a native of Brockville, died June 30, 1982. He held eight cabinet posts from 1963 until he retired from provincial politics in 1981. He was Minister of Natural Resources from 1978 to 1981 and served as chairman of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission after his retirement.

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ONTARIO GRANT
USED TO DEVELOP
CLEARVILLE PARK

October 3, 1984

A \$31,650 Ontario grant to the Township of Orford will be used to extend the outdoor activities at Clearville Park, 35 kilometres east of Chatham, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope announced today.

He said that when the park, on the north shore of Lake Erie is developed, it will offer camping opportunities in addition to swimming and picnicking.

The provincial grant is provided under the Parks Assistance Act.

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October 3, 1984

ONTARIO GRANT TO
RAYSIDE-BALFOUR
FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The Town of Rayside-Balfour, in the Regional Municipality of Sudbury, will use a \$5,330 Ontario government grant to renovate the boat launch area and install playground equipment in Centennial Park, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope announced today.

The park, on the east side of Whitewater Lake, offers camping, swimming, picnicking and boating.

The provincial grant, provided under the Parks Assistance Act, will be matched by the municipality.

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October 3, 1984

PROVINCIAL GRANT
TO BE USED FOR
LION'S HEAD PARK DEVELOPMENT

A \$14,750 Ontario government grant will be used by the Village of Lion's Head to further develop Lion's Head Beach Park on Georgian Bay, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope announced today.

This year, the park's washroom facilities will be upgraded, playground equipment will be installed and a storage building will be constructed.

The park, on the west shore of Isthmus Bay on the Bruce Peninsula, offers camping, picnicking, boating and swimming.

The grant will be provided under the Parks Assistance Act.

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October 3, 1984

GUELPH TOWNSHIP
TO USE ONTARIO GRANT
FOR PARK DEVELOPMENT

The Township of Guelph will use a \$10,945 Ontario government grant to further develop Guelph Township Recreational Park, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope announced today.

He said this year's plans include construction of an additional picnic pavilion.

The popular park, which contains two small lakes, features camping, swimming and picnicking.

The provincial grant, provided under the Parks Assistance Act, will be matched by the municipality.

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October 4, 1984

NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER
ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO
PROVINCIAL FLOOD PROTECTION CRITERIA

The Province of Ontario has established new minimum flood protection criteria, accepting one of the key recommendations of the provincial Floodplain Review Committee that conducted public meetings and solicited comments last fall.

Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope announced that the new minimum standard will offer the people of Ontario protection against flood levels with a probability of occurrence of once every 100 years.

But the Minister also noted that government approval of requests from municipalities to change the existing level of flood protection would be governed by two overriding conditions.

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"What we propose is to consider a reduction in the floodplain criteria from present levels to the one-in-100-year standard on a watershed basis in any region where a significant majority of the municipalities request it," Mr. Pope said.

"However, we will not support the lowering of flood protection criteria in any part of Ontario where the past history of flooding reveals that higher criteria would be more appropriate."

Mr. Pope also said that municipalities that are satisfied with their present flood protection criteria are under no obligation to change the standards.

"I am not suggesting that we should settle for reduced protection from the danger of floods, but rather that Ontario's floodplain criteria should be responsive to real local conditions and experience. This approach gives us the flexibility we need."

The Minister indicated that responsibility for managing floodplains will be retained by the province's 39 conservation authorities.

"I prefer that floodplain management remain with organizations that are based on a watershed boundary basis, as the authorities are. The watershed focus is critical to effective floodplain management," he said.

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The Minister also noted that there is a need for increased public review and input into the management of floodplain lands in Ontario.

"I do agree that the operations of certain conservation authorities can be made more open and responsive. And they will be," said Mr. Pope.

"The regulation of conservation authority activities will be enacted. This will include a requirement for the development of public forums to explain and discuss floodplain mapping and proposed regulations. It will require full access to files and technical documents. It will require notice of all meetings of conservation authorities and publications of agendas in advance."

The Minister said that guidelines are currently being prepared to assist in the implementation of the new directions he outlined for floodplain management to help ensure consistent application across the province.

"I believe that the changes I have announced today go a long way toward meeting the challenge of balancing the inescapable need for flood protection for the people of Ontario with the rights of those who own property throughout this province," he said.

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October 9, 1984

DEER MANAGEMENT SEMINAR
FOR THE LAYMAN
IN OWEN SOUND DISTRICT

Whether you're a hunter, a naturalist or an outdoor educator, a special deer management seminar in Owen Sound on October 20 should appeal to you.

Inspired by the moose seminars held in northern Ontario and by the Sport Fish Symposium last spring, the Ministry of Natural Resources has joined forces with the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters to tell non-specialists about deer in Ontario.

The four sessions -- deer biology, habitat ecology, harvest management and hunting practices -- will begin at 8:45 a.m. and end at 5:15 p.m. MNR staff from across Ontario, representatives from private industry and local sportsmen's clubs will take part.

The Holiday Inn in Owen Sound is the site of the event and a free dinner is planned for the evening. There's a limit of 175 participants so early registration is encouraged.

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"We're already receiving applications and we expect more than 100 people," says Stan Munroe, fish and wildlife supervisor in Owen Sound district.

A registration fee of \$3 should be submitted by October 12 to the Sydenham Sportsmen's Association, Box 264, Owen Sound, Ontario, N4K 5P2, or District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources, 611 Ninth Avenue East, Owen Sound, Ontario, N4K 3E4. If space is available, registration will be taken at the door at a cost of \$5.

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October 9, 1984

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AND
CO-OPERATIVE USE STRESSED
IN SPANISH RIVER STUDY

The Ontario Provincial Parks Council has recommended that one of Ontario's premier canoeing rivers -- the Spanish -- should receive special management status, and that co-operative use of the river should be promoted.

The river, which is the main course of a 5,200-square-mile watershed north of Espanola, is an important source of recreation for local residents and tourists. The river is also an important source of hydroelectric power.

"In the past, proponents of industrial and recreational uses of the river have sometimes been at loggerheads. The Parks Council's recommendations for multiple use of the river represent an excellent compromise solution," said Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope.

Mr. Pope said that while he did not accept all of the council's recommendations, the idea of sharing the river's resources will become the central principle for all management decisions affecting the river.

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The council's recommendations agreed to by the Minister include the designation of the Spanish River, north of Agnew Lake near Espanola, as a distinct management area; the development of a plan to foster integrated resource management; the establishment of a local citizens' group to advise and assist in the preparation of the plan; a prohibition on further dam construction until needs can be satisfactorily identified; and the acceptance of the principle of future bridge crossings.

The Minister noted that during his ministry's recent land use planning exercise, discussions over the future of the river included the forestry, mining and tourist industries, as well as scores of private citizens and special interest groups. Because of the great variety of opinions expressed, the Minister asked the council to examine the issue in detail.

He also congratulated the Council on the extent and quality of the public involvement generated during the review exercise.

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October 11, 1984

NEW LISKEARD RECEIVES
PROVINCIAL GRANT
FOR PARK LIGHTING

The Town of New Liskeard will use a recently approved \$8,000 Ontario government grant to improve the lighting system at Fleming Park on the west shore of Lake Timiskaming.

The grant was announced by Timiskaming MPP Ed Havrot, on behalf of Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope.

Fleming Park provides swimming and picnicking, as well as a baseball and soccer field for both local residents and tourists.

The provincial grant, provided under the Parks Assistance Act, will be matched by the municipality.

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ONTARIO GRANT TO ARNPRIOR
WILL PAY FOR NEW WASHROOMS
AT ROBERT SIMPSON PARK

The Town of Arnprior will use a \$27,950 Ontario government grant to construct new washroom facilities in Robert Simpson Park situated at the juncture of the Madawaska and Ottawa rivers.

Renfrew South MPP Paul Yakabuski announced the grant on behalf of Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope. He said the park is the town's principal recreational area, used for picnicking, swimming, and many annual special events.

The provincial grant is provided under the Parks Assistance Act.

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ONTARIO GRANT APPROVED FOR
DEVELOPMENT OF WINDSOR PARK
ON LAKE MUSKOKA'S BALA BAY

The popular Muskoka resort community of Bala -- a focal point of outdoor activities for generations of vacationers -- will benefit from a \$27,400 Ontario government grant to provide further recreational opportunities in Windsor Park on Lake Muskoka's Bala Bay.

Muskoka MPP Frank Miller announced the grant to the Township of Muskoka Lakes on behalf of Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope. He said enhancements to the park will improve picnicking and boating as well as allowing a better view of lake activities.

The provincial grant, provided under the Parks Assistance Act, will be matched by the municipality.

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October 11, 1984

VILLAGE OF LANARK
RECEIVES ONTARIO GRANT
TO IMPROVE ITS PARK

The Village of Lanark will use a \$5,880 Ontario government grant to further improve Lanark Village Park on the north branch of the Clyde River.

Lanark MPP Douglas Wiseman, who announced the grant on behalf of Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope, said the park is being developed primarily for picnicking and swimming.

The provincial grant, provided under the Parks Assistance Act, will be matched by the municipality.

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October 11, 1984

SPANISH RIVER BAND
RECEIVES ONTARIO GRANT
FOR PARK DEVELOPMENT

The Spanish River Band of Ojibways will use a \$31,500 Ontario government grant to develop Sagamok Point Park, situated on reserve lands south of the Town of Massey.

John Lane, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin, announced the grant on behalf of Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope. He said the park -- an irregularly shaped peninsula jutting into Lake Huron's North Channel -- is being developed to provide camping, swimming, picnicking and boating.

The provincial grant, provided under the Parks Assistance Act, will be matched by the Band.

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October 11, 1984

ONTARIO GRANT
WILL BE USED FOR
LAKEFIELD PARK IMPROVEMENTS

A \$10,000 Ontario grant will be used by the Village of Lakefield to give its municipal park a new lease on life.

Peterborough MPP John Turner announced the grant on behalf of Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope. He said the park, on the west shore of the Otonabee River, at the south end of the Trent Canal system's Katchewanoka Lake, will undergo the first phase of an upgrading program. The park provides area residents and tourists with camping, swimming, boating and picnicking.

The provincial grant, provided under the Parks Assistance Act, will be matched by the municipality.

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October 17, 1984

PUBLIC CONSENSUS REQUIRED
BEFORE PROPOSED PARK EXPANSION CAN
GO AHEAD, NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER SAYS

A possible addition to Woodland Caribou Provincial Park, north of Kenora, will not proceed because there is no local consensus on the issue, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said today.

The expansion of Woodland Caribou -- currently the fifth-largest provincial park in Ontario, and the home of one of the largest woodland caribou herds in Ontario -- would add approximately 80,000 hectares (200,000 acres) to the park's existing southeastern boundary.

"The addition to the park was discussed at three public meetings sponsored by the Provincial Parks Council last month in Toronto, Kenora and Red Lake," Mr. Pope said. "Local concern was expressed about the proposal, and I hope that the different interest groups will get together and arrive at satisfactory prescriptions for resource use on a shared basis."

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October 19, 1984

PROVINCE WILL CONTINUE
TO ENFORCE INDIVIDUAL
COMMERCIAL FISHING QUOTAS

Ontario's individual commercial fishing quotas will continue to be enforced by the province, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said today.

This morning, the ministry asked for a stay of judgment, after Ontario Supreme Court Justice Elmer E. Smith ruled on October 15 that individual commercial fishing quotas were invalid.

"At a hearing this morning, Mr. Justice Lloyd W. Houlden indicated that a stay was not necessary because the decision of Mr. Justice Smith was a declaratory decision," Mr. Pope said. "He also said that the ministry has the right to enforce individual commercial fishing quotas until the matter is finally disposed of by the appeals court."

Commercial fishermen are advised that the province will continue to enforce the individual quotas as assigned.

"If we find that fishermen are ignoring these quotas, our normal enforcement procedures will be followed, including the laying of charges and seizing of equipment," Mr. Pope said.

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"The province reviewed the available alternatives," the Minister said. "One alternative could have involved the necessity -- as confirmed with the industry -- of having to close seasons or bodies of water to commercial fishermen for several species in major areas of the province. A second alternative, obviously, was to enforce individual quotas."

Mr. Pope said that the ministry will enforce the individual quotas in the interests of conservation of the resource, and in the interests of the industry.

The ministry will seek permission to appeal Mr. Justice Smith's ruling before the Ontario Supreme Court's appeal division on October 29.

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ADVISORY COUNCIL
WILL DIRECT
ONTARIO'S FOREST RESEARCH

October 29, 1984

An Ontario Forestry Council has been established to recommend priorities and funding for forest research in the province, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope announced today.

The chairman of the seven-member council is Bernd Koken, president and chief operating officer, Abitibi-Price Inc., Toronto. Other council members include representatives from Ontario universities, the forest industry and the federal and provincial governments.

"I am confident that this council will help us achieve a partnership between industry and government that will allow a sharper focus on forest research and forest management," Mr. Pope said.

"I also expect the council to benefit from advice from private sector groups with particular interest in forest research."

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EDITORS: A list of forestry council members is attached.

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MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
IMPLEMENTS MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO LAKE

November 29, 1984

A major plan to improve sport fishing and tourism on Ontario's third largest inland lake is now being implemented by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said the plan for Lac Seul -- located northwest of Sioux Lookout -- is of special interest because it was developed in complete consultation with area residents, native peoples, tourist operators and commercial fishermen.

Recommendations of the Lac Seul management plan now being implemented include:

- no commercial fishing for walleye in 1985;
- federal approval being sought for new regulations to protect the diminishing number of trophy pike in the lake;
- regulations being developed, and federal approval sought, to establish a new fish sanctuary near the Wenasaga River at the west end of the lake;

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- the closure of the Adam Hay spawning area and fish sanctuary in the northeast corner of the lake to fishing from December 1 to June 26; and,
- increased coverage of the lake by MNR conservation officers.

The ministry has also documented and issued decals for all cached boats on Lac Seul and unauthorized boats have been removed. Outfitters have been asked to remove cached boats from overfished portions of the lake for the 1985 season.

Access and development to Lac Seul will continue to be strictly controlled and reviewed. With a few exceptions, no permanent all weather road development will be allowed within 2,000 feet of the lake's shoreline.

Lac Seul is also located in the test area for the ministry's trial Crown land camping program which requires that non-resident campers utilize privately operated campsites.

"The Lac Seul plan represents the type of successful public participation and co-operative action between government, industry and the public that we are aiming for in the area of resource management," Mr. Pope said.

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"Despite the large number and wide diversity of interest groups on Lac Seul, we have together created a realistic and workable plan," he said.

Concern for the future of Lac Seul developed through the 1970s when it became apparent to Ministry of Natural Resources staff that fish populations were declining, and conflicts between user groups were increasing.

"These recommendations are already making great strides toward ensuring a healthy future for Lac Seul," said Mr. Pope. "We will continue working with local residents and interest groups to make sure Lac Seul remains an important tourist attraction and source of revenue for the area."

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December 6, 1984

REGULATION CHANGES
TO LAKE NIPISSING FISHERY
WILL MAINTAIN HIGH FISHING QUALITY

The Ministry of Natural Resources will amend the Ontario Fishing Regulations to maintain the high quality of the Lake Nipissing fishery.

The changes, announced today by Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope and Mike Harris, MPP for Nipissing, include revised walleye (yellow pickerel) and pike seasons and sanctuary changes.

"These changes are in response to a 1983 ministry review of Lake Nipissing fisheries data and subsequent public consultation earlier this year," Mr. Pope said.

"They are designed to maximize the opportunities for sports fishing on Lake Nipissing, while at the same time ensuring that the quality of the excellent Lake Nipissing fishery is preserved," Mr. Harris said.

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The amendments, which will be in effect as of April 1985, include the following:

- The walleye season will open earlier -- on the Sunday before Victoria Day rather than the Wednesday after Victoria Day. It will still end March 15. The walleye population can sustain these extra fishing days, which will enable tourist operators to attract more fishermen to the Nipissing area on the Victoria Day long weekend.
- The pike season will be shorter to coincide with the walleye season. Previously, it lasted from May 15 to March 31. This three-week reduction in the length of the season will help protect the pike population, which has recently been under pressure.
- A fish sanctuary will be established on the South River to protect a major spawning area for walleye. The area will extend approximately six kilometres from the river mouth to Highway 654. This area will be a sanctuary in both the spring (March 15 to the Sunday before Victoria Day) and fall (October 1 to December 31). Although fish do not spawn in the fall, mature fish return to this spawning ground in the fall when the water temperature cools. This is what biologists refer to as a false spawning run.

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In addition, the Sturgeon River sanctuary dates have been extended to include a longer spring period and the fall (same dates as above). And almost half of Callander Bay will now be a spring and fall sanctuary. Previously, only a small portion of the bay near the Wasi River was a sanctuary for part of the spring.

"In addition to the regulation changes, a pickerel spawning habitat improvement project at Chapman Chutes will be completed," Mr. Pope said.

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December 11, 1984

MINISTRY REVIEWS
SUPREME COURT RULING
ON TEMAGAMI LAND CLAIM

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources is reviewing a judgment issued today by the Supreme Court of Ontario regarding a native land claim in northeastern Ontario.

Mr. Justice Donald Steele ruled today on the claim by the Bear Island Foundation (Teme-agama Anishnabay and Temagami Band of Indians) regarding 10,000 square kilometres of land in the Temagami area.

"Our preliminary analysis of the judgment is that all Crown land in the claimed area belongs to Ontario, that Ontario has the right to sell and lease that land, and that the Temagami Indian people have no right, title or interest in that land," said Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope.

"The Band is restrained from preventing Ontario from disposing of the land," said Mr. Pope, noting that Mr. Justice Steele had dismissed a counter claim by the Temagami Indians.

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"I am currently studying the immediate effect of the decision with officials from my ministry," he added. "We will have further comment once we have studied the decision in detail.

"Irrespective of any decision by a court of law, we would like to work with the Temagami Indian people in seeking ways to enhance their economic well-being."

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HEARST RECEIVES \$14,035
GRANT TO FURTHER
DEVELOP PARK

December 12, 1984

The Town of Hearst will use a \$14,035 Ontario grant to further develop Johnson Lake Park, Rene Piche, MPP for Cochrane North, announced today on behalf of Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope.

The park, located on 44.5 hectares of land along Johnson Lake, is 3.2 kilometres north of the Town of Hearst. When developed, it will provide opportunities for camping, picnicking, swimming and other recreational activities.

The municipality will match the grant, which is provided under the Parks Assistance Act.

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CROWN LAND CAMPING
TO BE SUBJECT OF
PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Ontario Provincial Parks Council will hold three public meetings in mid-January to review the first year of a pilot project in northwestern Ontario that requires non-residents of Canada to pay a daily fee to camp on Crown land.

The meetings are being held at:

Royal Canadian Legion
Front Street, Sioux Lookout
January 21

Red Dog Inn (Ballroom)
700 Stewart Street, Fort Frances
January 22

Holiday Inn (Smuggler's Cove Room)
470 First Avenue, Kenora
January 23

The program -- introduced by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources this year -- also requires non-residents to camp at commercial campgrounds or provincial parks in specially zoned areas of northwestern Ontario.

The meetings begin at 7 p.m., and will commence with a ministry presentation that outlines the nature and purpose of the Crown land camping program, and highlights results of a survey conducted this summer.

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"Although the Crown land camping program is not directly related to provincial parks, I have asked the Provincial Parks Council to assess public reaction," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said. "The Council's involvement will assist my ministry in the continued monitoring of this trial program."

Written submissions, accepted until February 23, 1984, should be sent to:

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The Council will prepare and send a report to the Minister by March 31, 1985, on the basis of the public meetings and submissions.

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EDITORS: A fact sheet on the Crown land pilot project is attached.

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December 12, 1984

ONTARIO GRANT TO
TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL
FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

A \$20,250 Ontario grant will be used by the Town of Richmond Hill to further develop sunset beach park, Don Cousens, MPP for York Centre, announced today on behalf of Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope.

Improvements to the park, located in Richmond Hill on Wilcox Lake, include upgrading the beach, lighting and landscaping as well as constructing a service road and walkways.

The grant, provided under the Parks Assistance Act, will be matched by the municipality.

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December 12, 1984

VILLAGE OF EGANVILLE
RECEIVES ONTARIO GRANT
TO DEVELOP PARK

The Village of Eganville will use a \$2,300 Ontario grant to further develop Bonnechere River Park, Paul Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew South, announced today on behalf of Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope.

The grant will be used for beach improvements, landscaping and to purchase new outdoor furniture for the park which is located on the Bonnechere river in the eastern Ontario village.

The Parks Assistance Act provides for the grant which will be matched by the municipality.

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December 12, 1984

GRAVENHURST RECEIVES
ONTARIO GRANT TO ENLARGE
MUSKOKA BAY PARK

The Town of Gravenhurst will use a \$17,550 Ontario grant to enlarge Muskoka Bay Park, Industry and Trade Minister Frank Miller, MPP for Muskoka, announced today on behalf of Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope.

The park, consisting of 1.4 hectares along Lake Muskoka, provides swimming, picnicking and other recreational activities for area residents. The addition will increase the park's lake frontage to allow for more beach activity and limited boat docking facilities.

The provincial grant, provided under the Parks Assistance Act, will be matched by the municipality.

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\$20,000 GRANT TO
TOWNSHIP OF MATTICE-VAL COTE
FOR PARK DEVELOPMENT

December 12, 1984

The Township of Mattice-Val Cote will receive a \$20,000 grant from the Ontario government to develop Riverside Park, Rene Piche, MPP for Cochrane North, announced on behalf of Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope.

The four-hectare proposed park site is situated on the shore of the Missinaibi River in the community of Mattice in Cochrane district.

Once developed, the park will have limited camping facilities and will provide day-use recreation opportunities such as swimming, picnicking and fishing.

The grant, provided under the Parks Assistance Act, will be matched by the municipality.

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ONTARIO COAT-OF-ARMS
CARVING UNVEILED
ONTARIO LEGISLATIVE BUILDING

A white pine carving of Ontario's coat of arms was unveiled at Queen's Park today by Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope and Margaret Birch, Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier and Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on the Bicentennial.

The carving -- a bicentennial gift to the province -- is the culmination of five months of weekend effort by 42 members of the Ontario Woodcarvers' Association.

"It is significant that this coat-of-arms was carved from white pine -- designated this year as Ontario's arboreal emblem," Mr. Pope said. "White pine played a major role in the early development of this province, and has always been a favored medium for artisans."

The 42 woodcarvers, many of them amateurs, worked on the carving in groups of three or four during weekends at the Ontario Science Centre where visitors could watch the bas-relief carving take shape.

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The carving was designed by Warren Van Every, a professional woodcarver and a teacher of the craft for 35 years. The white pine slab used in the project was provided by the Ontario Lumber Manufacturers' Association. The project was co-ordinated by Bruce Mackenzie on behalf of the Ontario Woodcarvers' Association.

The carving will be mounted in Ontario Legislature committee room 228, a traditional location for public hearings.

"Over and over again during this bicentennial year, I have been moved by the fact that so many people want to do something for their province," Mrs. Birch said. "This beautiful carving is a perfect illustration of that."

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CANADA/ONTARIO JOB CREATION PROGRAM

December 14, 1984

MORE THAN \$300,000
FOR JOB CREATION PROJECTS
IN CENTRAL ONTARIO

Twenty-two laid-off workers will share 189 work weeks to prepare seven parks in the Lindsay and Huronia areas for next summer's visitors. The parks include Darlington, Emily, Earl Rowe, Awenda, Balsam Lake and Six Mile Lake provincial parks.

These are among a total of 13 federal-provincial special employment projects in central Ontario that will provide a total of 536 work weeks for 45 laid-off workers. The total cost of the projects is \$304,934.

The projects were announced today by Flora MacDonald, federal Immigration and Employment Minister, and Ontario Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope.

"Other projects include assessing the winter fishery in Lake Scugog, assessing aggregate resources in Lindsay area and studying winter feeding for deer in Parry Sound District and Simcoe County," Mr. Pope said.

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Since July 1983, 53 projects have employed 316 workers in central Ontario for 4,340 work weeks. Total provincial investment in the region has been more than \$727,000.

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Lindsay	fisheries	Sir Sandford Fleming College	Conduct winter fisheries assessment on Lake Scugog, compile and analyse data from creel censuses over past 15 years and complete a review of material on techniques for muskellunge culture and stocking.	3	57	\$ 36,213
Main Office	wildlife	Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters	Assess survival of white-tailed deer in southern Ontario over the winter months, produce colored illustrations of fur-bearing animals for use in public education, and determine the non-monetary benefits to society from recreational hunting in southern Ontario.	7	112	100,468
Huronia	parks	Simcoe County	Paint park buildings, repair tables, brush trails and remove undesirable trees in Six Mile Lake Provincial Park.	3	24	14,340
Huronia	parks	Simcoe County	Post signs on trails, brush trails and along hydro lines and remove undesirable trees in Awenda Provincial Park.	3	51	29,110
Lindsay	parks	Kawartha Region Conservation Authority	Prepare four park newsletters and arrange for speakers for summer parks' programs for four provincial parks in the district.	3	24	13,030

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Lindsay	mines	Sir Sandford Fleming College	Assess quantity and quality of resource reserves in licensed pits and quarries, obtain aggregate samples for lab analysis and assess available commodities and the marketplace for licensed pits and quarries throughout the Lindsay district.	3	56	\$26,226
Lindsay	conservation authority	Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority	Repair buildings close to the main offices for use as future display buildings, fix basement of the main office and repair a derelict structure on the property to make it safer at the Oshawa Woods Conservation Area.	4	56	15,960
Lindsay	conservation authority	Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority	Prepare a visitor survey to be conducted at Purple Woods Conservation Area during maple sugar season, and make general repairs to facilities and conduct selective thinning on different stands at Purple Woods and Harmony Valley conservation areas.	3	24	7,200
Lindsay	conservation authority	Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority	Conduct selective thinning, construct picnic tables for use by handicapped people and make general repairs to facilities at the Heber Down Conservation Area.	3	42	12,600

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Lindsay	parks	Township of Bexley	Trim overhanging limbs, remove dangerous trees, repair and paint picnic tables, renovate parts of maintenance building at Balsam Lake Provincial Park.	3	18	\$11,023
Lindsay	parks	Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority	Rebuild traffic island at ranger's office, paint interior of three comfort stations and cut back trees along hydro line at Darlington Provincial Park.	3	24	10,542
Lindsay	parks	Township of Emily	Replace campsite posts, permit holders, campsite identification numbers and fireplace grills. Repair and paint picnic tables and assemble 25 new tables. Remove and prune hazardous trees at Emily Provincial Park.	4	24	13,298
Huronía	parks	Simcoe County	Transplant trees, wrap tree trunks, landscape the pool area and repair picnic tables at Earl Rowe Provincial Park.	3	24	14,924



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FOUR JOB CREATION PROJECTS
IN NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO
LAST 516 WORK WEEKS

Thirty-six laid-off workers will share 516 work weeks "sprucing up" tree plantations and provincial parks in northeastern Ontario this winter, thanks to four federal-provincial job creation programs worth \$203,951.

The projects were announced today by Flora MacDonald, federal Immigration and Employment Minister, and Ontario Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope.

"In one project, workers will clear brush from 225 hectares of spruce and white and red pine plantations northwest of Mattawa, while others clear brush along the Coleman township boundary line," Mr. Pope said.

Other projects involve cleaning up and repairing facilities at White Lake Provincial Park, south of Manitouwadge, and improving buildings and ski trails at Restoule Provincial Park west of Powassan.

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Since July 1983, 33 projects have employed 301 workers in northeastern Ontario for a total of more than 3,800 work weeks. Total provincial investment in the region has been more than \$621,200.

The federal-provincial job creation initiative is jointly funded by Employment and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, which also administers the program. Project areas include fisheries, wildlife, parks, mines, forestry and conservation authorities.

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Wawa	parks	White Lake Lodge	Remove brush and undesirable trees from campsites, install fireplace grills and permit posts, install electrical lines and paint picnic tables and garbage cans at White Lake Provincial Park.	6	42	\$24,789
North Bay	forestry	Mattawa and Area Municipal Association	Clear brush around newly planted spruce, white and red pine trees and thin a 15-year-old plantation northwest of Mattawa (total 225 hectares).	16	224	82,307
North Bay	parks	Township of Nipissing	Replace footings and posts under building. Re-roof staff quarters. Replace culverts. Make and replace park signs. Remove hazardous trees. Brush and upgrade ski trails. Spread woodchips on nature trail.	8	144	\$58,191
Temagami	minerals	Coleman Township	Inspect and clear 20 kilometres of township boundary line. Brush out 10 kilometres of mine roads.	6	106	38,664



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\$107,305 SPENT TO HELP LAID-OFF WORKERS IN NORTH CENTRAL ONTARIO

Twenty-six laid-off workers in the Thunder Bay, Nipigon and Atikokan areas will share 299 work weeks under three federal-provincial job creation projects that will cost a total of \$107,305.

The projects were announced today by Flora MacDonald, federal Immigration and Employment Minister, and Ontario Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope.

"Workers will remove vegetation hindering the growth of jack pine on 1,468 hectares of land on the western shore of Lake Nipigon, near the Gull Bay Indian Reserve," Mr. Pope said.

Other workers will upgrade publications and create education displays for Quetico Provincial Park. Another project involves checking mineral deposits in the Thunder Bay area and creating files on individual deposits.

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Since July 1983, 29 projects have employed 223 workers in north central Ontario for close to 2,400 work weeks. Total provincial investment in the region has been more than \$446,300.

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Atikokan	parks	The Friends of Quetico	Upgrading park publications. Researching, designing and producing new educational displays for six Quetico Park entry stations.	9	152	\$56,505
Thunder Bay	minerals	Lakehead Region Conservation Authority	Locating mineral deposits, preparing maps, compiling tables of deposit information, creating files for each individual deposit.	3	63	22,908
Nipigon	forestry	Kiashe River Native Development Inc.	Remove vegetation, by hand, that is hindering the growth of jack pine on the western shore of Lake Nipigon.	14	84	27,892



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EIGHTY-SIX JOBS CREATED
THROUGH FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL
SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

History is being recreated at the Perth Wildlife Reserve by 14 laid-off workers who will restore the Merritt House, a 150-year-old stone house, and reconstruct a log barn to house antique tools.

In total, 86 laid-off workers in eastern Ontario will share 1,340 work weeks worth \$473,491. The projects were announced today by Flora MacDonald, federal Immigration and Employment Minister and Ontario Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope.

"A project in the city of Brockville will have seven workers cleaning up the Butler-Buell River to improve water quality and fish habitat," Mr. Pope said.

Other projects will involve such tasks as improving walking and ski trails, improving parks and thinning tree stands in eastern Ontario parks and conservation areas.

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Since July 1983, 38 projects have employed 327 workers in eastern Ontario for a total of 4,565 work weeks. Total provincial investment in the region has been more than \$678,800.

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Carleton	conservation authority	Rideau Valley Conservation Authority	Improve and repair Merritt House located near Tay River at Perth Wildlife Reserve.	6	120	\$35,500
Carleton	conservation authority	Rideau Valley Conservation Authority	Reconstruct a log barn at the Merritt House site. Barn to house antique tools. Barn and tools donated by Dr. Silverside.	8	160	46,600
Brockville	fisheries	City of Brockville	Clear debris from bottom of Butler-Buell River, stabilize river banks and remove blockages in river.	7	84	34,200
Napanee	parks	Town of Brighton	Clean up shoreline, paint picnic tables, reshingle maintenance buildings, cut undesirable trees and brush along ski trails at Presqu'ile Provincial Park southwest of Trenton.	7	89	39,898

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Cornwall	parks	Township of East Hawkesbury	Develop .5 km of walking trail along shoreline, enlarge picnic area by four acres, cut back brush from roadsides and power lines, and cut and split dangerous trees at Carillon Provincial Park, east of Hawkesbury.	8	120	\$57,076
Carleton	conservation authority	Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority	Provide inventories of dams and watersheds and survey and note the hydrological significance of wetlands throughout the conservation authority, conduct initial studies of Purdon Bog, a newly-acquired area with a unique collection of orchids west of Perth.	11	220	55,200
Tweed	conservation authority	Grove Valley Conservation Authority	Cut fresh trails and improve existing trails at Callaghan's Rapids Conservation Area, west of Marmora. This cutting will improve the mixed stand and make the 400 acre day-use park more accessible to the public.	12	204	53,635

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Tweed	parks	Corporation of the Township of Olden	Install and paint 100 campsites posts, rehabilitate 25 campsites and remove dead and undesirable trees from 200 campsites at Sharbot Lake Provincial Park.	4	44	\$29,244
Cornwall	forestry	South Nation River Conservation Authority	Improve picnic sites within authority, clear trails and cut boundaries in Mountain Provincial Wildlife area, conduct silvicultural work and pruning in South Nation agreement forest near Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.	9	117	53,769
Cornwall	forestry	Township of Charlottenburgh	Clear cross country ski trails in Summerstown Recreation area (east of Cornwall) and clean up young stands in the Charlottenburgh agreement forest.	8	104	37,589
Cornwall	forestry	Township of Williamsburgh	Conduct protective and hand pruning of white spruce and remove poor quality trees from hardwood stands in the Williamsburgh agreement forest east of Williamsburgh.	6	78	30,780



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FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL
WORK PROGRAMS
IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

In the Kirkland Lake and Timmins areas, nine laid-off workers will be put back to work temporarily -- collecting, sorting and labelling rock samples obtained during exploratory drilling. The samples will be stored in drill core libraries.

These are two of four projects initiated in northern Ontario under the federal-provincial job creation program. A total of 23 workers will share 390 work weeks worth \$179,023.

The projects were announced today by Flora MacDonald, federal Immigration and Employment Minister, and Ontario Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope.

"Workers on other projects will establish viewing centres on nature trails at the Chapleau Game Preserve and upgrade Fushimi Lake and Nagagamisis provincial parks and Johnson Lake Park near Hearst," Mr. Pope said.

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Since July 1983, 27 projects have employed 251 workers in northern Ontario for close to 3,700 work weeks. Total provincial investment in the region has been close to \$657,700.

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Kirkland Lake	mining	Kirkland Lake Economic Development Commission	Collect, sort and label drill core and compile data on it. Gather information from assessment files and transfer it to base maps and compile a listing of mineral occurrence according to township.	6	96	\$36,628
Hearst	parks	Corporation of the Township of Hearst	Upgrade drinking water system, construct steel gates, assemble bony lines and renovate main office at Nagagamisis Provincial Park. Construct steel gates and washrooms, upgrade drinking water system and assemble bony lines at Fushimi Provincial Park. Clear brush, develop trails and upgrade outdoor rink at Johnson Lake Park.	9	153	82,011
Chapleau	wildlife	Township of Chapleau	Establishing wildlife viewing centres and trails. Construct- ing entrance display and mileage posts for self-guided tours. Con- structing a sign highlighting areas of interest.	5	84	31,907
Timmins	minerals	Pamour Porcupine Mines Ltd.	Completing 150 township maps. Processing and labelling core collection at drill core library.	3	57	28,477



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FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL
JOB CREATION PROJECTS
IN SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Under a federal-provincial job creation program, 14 laid-off workers will share 243 work weeks preparing forest trails at the Wawanash Conservation Area that Wingham area schoolchildren will use for outdoor education.

This is only one of several projects to get laid-off workers of southwestern Ontario back on the job. A total of \$337,204 will be spent to provide 55 workers with a total of 978 work weeks.

The projects were announced today by Flora MacDonald, federal Immigration and Employment Minister and Ontario Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope.

"Workers will also undertake various forestry tasks such as pruning and thinning white and red pine plantations in Bruce and Middlesex counties and improving stands and woodlots in Long Point Region and Maitland Valley conservation authorities," Mr. Pope said.

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Some of the workers will conduct park improvement projects in the Owen Sound area while others analyse fish spawning data at the North Grey/Sauble Conservation Authority near Owen Sound.

Another project will have workers preparing maps and charts to help manage the watershed of the Morrison Dam in the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority.

Since July 1983, 47 projects have employed 492 workers in southwestern Ontario for a total of more than 5,700 work weeks. Total provincial investment in the region has been more than \$1,483,800.

The federal-provincial job creation initiative is jointly funded by Employment and Immigration Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources which also administers the program. The program covers fisheries, wildlife, parks, mines, forestry and conservation authorities projects.

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Owen Sound	parks	St. Edmunds Township	Upgrading campsites, trails and vault toilets. Spreading woodchips on trails, repairing boardwalks, refurbishing campsites in Cyprus Lake Provincial Park.	3	66	\$23,862
Owen Sound	fisheries	North Grey/Sauble Conservation Authorities	Recording stream temperatures, weather conditions and fish movements during fall spawning. Analysing fall operations of Thornbury and Mill dam fishways. Aging 1000-2000 rainbow trout.	4	80	30,317
Simcoe	conservation authorities	Long Point Region Conservation Authority	Woodlot cleanup, constructing brush piles for wildlife habitat. Painting barrels, restoring C.A. museum artifacts, building tables in central workshop.	10	200	73,115
Owen Sound	parks	North Grey Region Conservation Authority	Upgrade and re-design district brochures, prepare and improve displays and audio-visual presentations for district facilities and research and write various feature publications.	3	66	23,849

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Wingham	conservation authorities	Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority	Preparing maps and charts. Doing resource inventory. Library organization.	5	120	\$30,900
Wingham	conservation authorities	Maitland Valley Conservation Authority	Tree surveying, thinning, pruning, stand improving, mapping, trail construction.	14	243	73,545
Owen Sound	parks	Township of Saugeen	Repair septic tanks, clean up deadfall and nature trails and improve campsites in MacGregor Point Provincial Park near Port Elgin.	3	36	13,306
Owen Sound	forestry	Corporation of the Township of Bruce	Thin and prune white and red pine plantations throughout Bruce County Agreement Forest.	10	140	55,840
Aylmer	forestry	Township of Mosa	Prune trees and remove excess vegetation in Mosa Township, Middlesex County.	3	27	12,470



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SUDBURY BASIN
ORE LORE NOW
IN ONE VOLUME

The first volume of a comprehensive series of books focusing on geological areas or topics important to Ontario geology has just been released by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

The Geology and Ore Deposits of the Sudbury Structure is the first of the special series, begun this year to mark Ontario's bicentennial, that will be produced by the ministry's Ontario Geological Survey.

The Sudbury Basin -- a renowned treasure chest of the Canadian Shield -- has produced 14 different commodities since mining began in the area in 1889. To date, it has led to production valued at about \$24-billion.

"For the first time, the best of the Sudbury Basin studies by OGS staff, industry experts and university researchers have been combined in one volume," Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope said today.

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The 603-page hard-cover volume includes text, geological and aeromagnetic maps, charts and technical data, and should provide years of use as a major reference text for Ontario university students and others interested in the geology of the Sudbury area.

One of the book's unique features is a new geological map of the basin in color at a scale of 1:50,000. It is considered to be the most comprehensive, detailed map of the area ever produced on one sheet. There are also chapters summarizing the theories of the Sudbury structure's origin and a useful glossary of terms specific to Sudbury geology.

The Geology and Ore Deposits of the Sudbury Structure is available at \$30 a copy from the ministry's

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